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# SHERMAN'S SILVER BILL

## DISCONTINUE THE COINAGE BUT BUY THE BULLION

**The Payments to be Made in Coin Certificates—Mr. Butler's "Enabling" Act for the Admission of Dakota Spirited Debate Cabinet Session—National**

WASHINGTON, Jan 29—In the senate Mr Sherman introduced a bill to discontinue the coinage of the silver dollar and to provide for the purchase of silver bullion in not less than two million ounces nor more than four million ounces per month, at its market value and for the issue in payment thereof of coin certificates of not less denomination than ten dollars each, the bullion to be held in the treasury as security for the payment of the certificates

Mr Ingalls offered a resolution directing the secretary of the treasury to inform the senate as to the origin of the "conscience" fund the amount of the same, etc

The Dakota bill was taken up Mr Butler's substitute for the committee's bill was read It is an "enabling" act providing for the admission of the territory of Dakota as a whole as a state of the union, when an election shall shall have been held under this act and a constitution, republican in form shall have been adopted by the people of such territory

Mr Butler then took the floor in support of his substitute He conceded the right of the people of a territory to apply for admission as a state when it had the necessary conditions, but he denied that a territory had any inherent right to organize a state government Congress alone could authorize the transition from a territory, to a state and exercise that power by any other body would be bold usurpation. Mr Butler quoted from the ordinance of 1787 to prove that territories were to be admitted under the supervision of congress, and quoted from the treaty of 1803 to show that such admission must be in accordance with the constitution of the United States.

He argued that territories had no right to divide themselves up at their own pleasure and this as Dakota had done in this instance He differed with Mr Harrison as to the effect of many of the precedents cited by that senator in support of his position While so differing, however, he did not even admit that precedents were binding on congress except in so far as they appealed to the judgement and reason of congress, for there could hardly be found a case of the overturning of social order that could not find some precedent in its support.

Mr Wilson, of Iowa, contended that senators who should insist that every step for the formation of new states should be in accordance with their own views of form, displayed but little knowledge of the process by which states had been made Some of the most loyal and patriotic states had laid their foundations in violation of congressional action Our hardy pioneers had carried civilization yearly farther westward, and planted states as milestones to mark the onward progress of their journey It had taken the United States government a long time to understand the movements of those pioneers The action of the people of Dakota Mr Wilson insisted, was in every sense proper, peaceful and constitutional and no narrow partisanship or political bias should be permitted to interfere with the manly and honorable demands of its people to admission as a state. Mr Wilson compared the condition of South Dakota in wealth, population and resources with those of many other states at the time of their admission, and argued that the new applicant for statehood presented a case that challenged criticism Her methods had been orderly, conservative and creditable and we should welcome her to the sisterhood of states

The debate then closed and the bill went over until 2 o'clock to day, at which hour Mr Vest will have the floor

A message from the house of representatives announced the death of Representative Elwood, late a member of that body from the state of Illinois

Mr Cullom, in moving concurrence in the house resolution of sorrow, spoke briefly in eulogy of the deceased He was followed by Mr Logan in the same strain Both senators spoke of Mr Elwood as a pure patriot, a good citizen and a man of high honor and unblemished integrity The senate then at 4 15 p m, out of respect to the memory of the deceased, adjourned

### House

WASHINGTON, Jan 29—In the house a few bills and resolutions were introduced after which eulogies on the late Congressman Ellwood, of Illinois, were made by several members, after which the house adjourned

### Cabinet Session

WASHINGTON Jan 29—The cabinet again discussed the senate resolutions calling for all the papers and reasons connected with the suspensions and appointments of various federal officers. A general discussion of the subject was had and the general conclusion reached was that at this time the question had not assumed a character which would justify a reply by the president All the resolutions so far adopted call for "all the papers" It is understood that the president will not object to the senate having the "public" papers in each case; but that there are in almost every case "private" papers which he will decline to furnish His conclusion when conveyed to the senate will doubtless lead to further action by that body, and until some action is taken, which will indicate whether in the word "all" the senate means both "public" and "private" papers, the president will not consider it necessary to reply to the communications of that body

### The Mexican Outrage.

WASHINGTON, Jan 29—The killing of Capt. Crawford in Mexico by Mexican [illegible] band [illegible], who makes the report of Capt Crawford's death, says he thinks the Mexicans attacked them, knowing them to be United States troops, but did so believing they could overpower them The Mexicans explain that it was dark and that they mistook Crawford's command for Apaches. It is probable that the Mexican government will be asked for an explanation.

### Farm and Dairy.

WASHINGTON, Jan 29—In transmitting to the house of representatives the result of investigations by American consuls of dairy and cattle farming and the markets for cattle beef and dairy products abroad, the secretary of state takes occasion to pay a tribute to the American manufacture of oleomargarine He states that the consumption of oleomargarine is rapidly growing, and that it is fast taking favor with Europeans, who, as soon as they get over the squeamishness a new food product always produces, will prefer it to butter The secretary of state believes it should, however, be properly labeled as oleomargarine or imitation of butter that no deception may be practiced

## THE JAP JOSTLED.

**Exciting Wrestling Match in Chicago. Thrown and Butted Off the Stage**

CHICAGO, Jan 29—Central music hall was packed from parquette to gallery with an enthusiastic assemblage to witness the wrestling contest between Evan Lewis, of Madison, Wis., and Matsada Sorakitchi, the Jap. The terms of the match were catch-as-catch-can, best three in five, for $500 a side and 75 and 25 per cent. of the net receipts. Lewis weighed 185 pounds, while the Jap was twenty six pounds lighter

As soon as the men got together Lewis sprang a necklock that gave the Jap great trouble in finding the combination of, but he no sooner broke it than Lewis made a dive for his legs and upset him so quickly that the spectators hardly had time to grasp the situation. Lewis won the fall in two minutes and five seconds.

In the second bout the Jap secured a waist lock and by a half arm twist accidentally threw Lewis over into the parquette chairs, a distance of five feet. The Jap apologized and scarcely a half minute later, and while the Jap was off his balance, Lewis deliberately butted him off the stage and went over into the parquette chairs with him The act being so plainly intentional the referee gave the bout to the Jap. Time 9-05

In the third bout Lewis got a neck lock, and the Jap, becoming exhausted and almost black in the face, gave up the contest Lewis offered to omit the neck hold, and finish the match, but Sorakitchi failed to come to time for the fourth round, and the referee gave the match to Lewis.

## NOTHING NEW.

**The Situation at Columbus Remains Featureless and Micawber-Like.**

COLUMBUS, O, Jan. 29—The senatorial situation remains unchanged, and probably there will not be anything new until to-day, when the conference committee of Republican and Democratic senators to settle the differences of opinion as to the investigation into the alleged frauds in Hamilton county is expected to report.

In the meantime the legislative mill is effectually blocked As to the probability of reaching an agreement there is a decided difference of opinion, many persons believing that the present is only a truce and that hostilities will again be renewed Should the committee agree upon a line of action this will first be submitted to the Republican and Democratic caucuses before being reported to the senate At this point provided the negotiations of the committee terminate in concession from either side sufficient to outline a policy to be pursued there is danger of a disagreement.

The bitter partisans on both sides oppose any concessions, and will most likely object in caucus to agreeing to anything done by the committees if there is any material change from the stand taken by either party to the contest.

## A YOUNG NOBLEMAN

**A Train Signalled in Time to Prevent Destruction and Terrible Death**

MONONGAHELA CITY, Pa, Jan 29—As the Uniontown express came rolling down near Redstone, the engineer discovered a red signal light violently waved across the track He slowed up and discovered that a huge boulder had slipped down the hill and rested on the track

A boy named Clark Isler, son of a miner, had heard the rock crashing down the hill and getting his pit lamp, ran to the place and signalled the train, and in doing so saved the train from a terrible wreck which must have necessarily been attended with fatal results A large purse of money was made up among the passengers and presented to the boy

### Water, Ice and Wreckage

HARRISBURG Pa., Jan 29—Sherman's creek, which empties into the Susquehanna river was swollen on January 4 to such an extent that part of the Pennsylvania railroad bridge at Duncannon gave way precipitating twenty cars into the river and killing three men The Pennsylvania company built a new bridge, but the supports and the wreck of the old bridge and train dammed the water, and when the thaw set in the ice moved and found a lodgment on the obstruction Then the banks began to fill and an inundation was imminent Superintendent McClellan, of the Pennsylvania road, ordered the bridge to be torn away Workmen at once began the demolition, and it is hoped that it will be finished in time to prevent a damaging ice gorge

### Murderer Given a New Trial

# A TALK WITH MOTHERS.

## SAM JONES TELLS THEM WHAT'S DEPENDENT UPON THEM

**As the Mother Is, So Shall the Child Be. The Home a Bar Room with Mothers Behind the Bar—What is Society?—How to Train or Spoil a Child.**

CINCINNATI, Jan 29—There were probably 2 000 ladies in Music hall when Sam Jones commenced his talk It was a meeting for ladies only, and except for a few ministers and reporters not a member of the masculine sex was to be seen in the hall The meeting was opened with the customary song service, and at the close Mr Jones began his talk It was not a sermon, nor was it anything like a sermon It was a plain, discoursive talk to the ladies before him, and familiar subjects were handled in a familiar and forcible maner

Mr Jones prefaced his talk by telling his hearers that he had a high regard for woman's mission in this world, and considered her a great factor for either good or evil, and that upon her rested the responsibility for the condition of the race

"Men and women are, in the beginning, children," he said, "and in the beginning are subject to the maternal influence, and the child is in great measure what its mother makes it I once heard some ladies—Christian ladies—discussing the question when the moral training of a child should begin One lady thought six years was the proper age, another said she began to give her children moral instruction at the age of five. Another said that, in her opinion, both were out of the way, and that a child should be taught the differences between right and wrong at the age of four. Then spoke up an old white haired mother in Israel, 'My children,' said she 'the training of your children should begin twenty years before the child is born.' And therein she expressed a great truth As the mother is, so will the child be It is for you, mothers, to guard yourselves, to be good yourselves, and your children will be good There is no greater monstrosity in this wide world than a godless mother, and if you were to place the bible and religion on one side and a pure, God loving mother on the other, and tell me to choose between the two, I would say, 'Give me a Christian mother and I will stake my salvation on her I will trust her to lead me to God'"

Mr Jones, after these preliminary words, said he would read the twenty third psalm and use that as his text.

"All commentaries agree that there is no doubt that David wrote this psalm, but so long as I can rest assured of that I do not care who wrote the nineteenth psalm or the fiftieth psalm or the seventy fifth psalm I know that David, the shepherd poet, wrote 'Thou art my shepherd, I shall not want'"

Mr Jones branched out into the thought suggested by this passage. He spoke pointedly of the necessity for reforming the homes, and when that is done the counting rooms and the streets will have been reformed "I tell you," said he, "we need not think of reforming Cincinnati and New York, or Boston or Atlanta, or any other place until we reform the respectable people of this country As long as mothers run bar rooms at home, we need not expect sons and husbands to be other than drunkards That is not the only thing that needs reforming, either This that we call 'society' must be looked into There are women who think more of a social triumph than they do of a soul's salvation and who spend more time in dressing their daughters for the ball than in praying to God to save them from hell We must reform that. Why, I tell you frankly that if I was looking for a wife I would never go to a ball room to find her I would go as far away from ball rooms and theaters and parties as I could

Now, I am going to talk plain to you If you don't like it you can get up and go out If you holler, we'll know you're hit. I tell you this country can not be reformed until the mothers are reformed, Here's a woman insists on giving her little girls, six and eight years old, a little party Husband objects but finally succumbs He knows he has to or stand a long period of pouting Now what is a children's party? It is the ante room to a big party What is a big party? The ante room to a ball room And what is a ball room? It is the ante room to a german, and a german is the ante room to eternal disgrace and damnation The Lord pity a race when it has got to go into all kinds of excesses to have pleasure Let me draw you a picture of a home Little Annie goes to mamma and wants to borrow a piece of thread Mamma tells her she can't have any more, she has already wasted more thread than she is worth Annie goes out in shame Next day Annie asks mamma for some more scraps for her dollie's dresses, but mamma tells her that she has wasted more than she or her doll both are worth, and if she doesn't go right out and let mamma alone she will get the worst thrashing she ever got. Next day Annie asks mamma for her thimble and is rebuffed, and next day she asks for mamma's scissors and mamma scowls and tells her she can't have them to punch her eyes out with And so it goes on By and and by little Annie is a young lady She is a hot headed, quick tempered, ugly dispositioned woman who makes everyone around her uncomfortable And mamma wrings her hands and declares in a melancholy tone 'I can't imagine what makes Annie such a disagreeable girl I am sure I did my best for her' And so she did. She did her best to make her as unfit for the duties of a true woman and the responsibilities, as she could The mother must be reformed and there will not be any trouble with the children

### Reading Rail Rumbles

PHILADELPHIA, Pa Jan 29—The Record states that the recent large transactions in Reading general mortgage 7 per cent bonds

## VIGNAUX SCHAEFER

**Another Exciting Game of Billiards at Cosmopolitan Hall**

NEW YORK, Jan 29—Over a thousand people crowded themselves into Cosmopolitan hall to witness the fourth session of the Schaefer Vignaux billiard match The game was delayed some time by the non appearance of the referee who was unable to pass the immense crowd that jammed the hall and edged itself through the doorway The betting was $100 to $80 on Schaefer winning the night's play and $100 to $60 on him winning the match

The New Yorker opened the play with a goose egg and was followed by the man from Paris with 32 buttons to his credit Schaefer rattled off 24 points and Vignaux retaliated with a score of 5

In the sixth inning Vignaux added 60 more but one to his string while Schaefer failed to score The latter had a streak of bad luck and missed four consecutive times causing his friends in the audience to groan audibly, as he was then 100 points behind his antagonist

The Frenchman also suddenly stopped playing, missing two easy caroms Low figures prevailed until the eleventh inning, when Vignaux made one of the most brilliant strokes ever witnessed It was a long drive with a tremendous twist, which went twice the length of the table not only counting, but bringing the spheres together in the centre of the table and he was soon scoring rapidly

The first fifty points were confined to the top of the table, but after that the balls went all over the cloth and the Frenchman went into his second hundred with the spheres grouped in the top left hand corner The break netted him 127 points

Small counts prevailed for a number of innings and then Schaeffer got another chance He made forty nine as fast as the marker could count them, taking the balls from one end of table to the other, failing on a single cushion shot Vignaux followed with a fine run of thirty six In the fifteenth inning the Parisian, by delicate nursing and open play, scored ninety nine, missing the hundredth shot on a short drive to the upper short rail Schaefer's ill luck stuck to him while Vignaux was scoring at an alarming rate In the latter part of the nineteenth inning he stopped forty five points behind Schaefer

In the thirty first inning Vignaux touched the cue ball with his fingers, and a foul was allowed by the referee Vignaux made 59 points as his part of the thirty-third inning, and then both had a relapse, but in the thirty-eighth inning the "Wizard" ran 13 points and stopped within one of game This point he made in the next inning

Following is the score

SCHAEFER—0, 24, [illegible], 0, 0, 0, 0 75, 0, 1[illegible], 9, 3, 49, 0 18, 0, 3, 0, 73, 5, 1, 0, 0, 3, 3[illegible], 100, 19, 72, 78, 13, 5, 10 2, 1, 1, 0, 19 1 Total 600

Average, 16 15 39, grand average, 18 60 95

VIGNAUX—32 50 4, 65, 8, 0, 0, 12, 8 0 126, 5, 0, 30, 99 28 38, 0 43 5, 4[illegible] 0, 41 16, 2, 30, 0, 30, 19, 61 2, 42, 52, 0, 9 2 0 8 Total, 918

Average, 24 3 9, grand average 18 4 9 9

Highest run, 126

Time of game three hours and fifty five minutes

The score stands Schaefer, 1,800, Vignaux 1,753

### A Quack Arrested

PHILADELPHIA, Pa, Jan 29—J W Howard, alias Dubois, was arrested, charged with criminal practices on Mrs Cecelia Brown, of No 1135 Olive street who is dying Howard is a graduate of the bogus medical college of the notorious Dr Buchanan He was arrested on a similar charge a year ago, but, on account of his youth (he is about twenty years old) he was sentenced to only nine months' imprisonment He resumed his business immediately upon the serving of his term

### Copyright Matters

WASHINGTON, Jan 29—The hearing on the question of an international copyright was begun at the capitol in the room of the committee on patents A number of literary gentlemen were present and presented their views on the subject Samuel L Clemens (Mark Twain) was among those who spoke in favor of the proposed law James Russell Lowell is in the city and will appear before the committee

### $20,000,000 for the Family

NEW YORK, Jan 29—Citations were issued from the surrogate's office to the heirs of the late D F Morgan who recently died in Washington, to appear at the surrogate's office on February 5 when the will is to be opened for probate F Davis and F M[illegible]an are the executors The estate is estimated at $20,000,000 It will be devided between his widow, four sons and two daughters.

### Opera House Burned.

FRANKLIN, Pa, Jan 29—The opera house block was totally destroyed by fire It was owned by Hanna & Duffield, and besides the opera house, contained the Franklin oil exchange, the office of the Venango Spectator, the postal telegraph office, and a number of stores lodge rooms and living apartments The total loss is $91 300 insurance $55,000, origin of fire unknown

### After Scalp Money.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan 29—Gen Pope says he feels certain the Mexicans who attacked Capt. Crawford's men were not regular troops but renegades who mistook them for Indians, and made the attack in the hope of getting scalp money offered by the state of Sonora for hostiles He does not think it ought to affect the friendly relations between the two countries

### Prime the Pumps.

SHAMOKIN Pa Jan 29 Rain has been falling continually for the past eighteen hours and the operators of the collieries fear another flood In the mountain districts there has been fully five feet of snow, and the warm rain is converting it into rapidly flowing streams Orders have been issued to keep the pumps in prime condition

# QUEEN VIC'S EMETIC.

## THE VERY THOUGHT OF GLADSTONE IS REVOLTING

**Her Natural Repugnance for Liberals Has Become, of Late, a Personal Antipathy for the Man Who Has Overthrown Her Pet Hobbies—A Gloomy Outlook**

LONDON Jan 29—The Boston Globe's representative has cabled as follows

Lord Salisbury is at the Osborne house conferring with her majesty It is believed that the question of issuing royal writs for a new election will be considered in this conference If her majesty is convinced that a fresh appeal to the people will result in an increase of the conservative strength there is no doubt that she will take this step rather than perform the hateful ceremony of sending for Mr Gladstone and asking him to form a ministry

Her repugnance to Mr Gladstone which at first was hardly more than a part of her instinctive dislike for Liberal people and principles seems in late years to have strengthened into a personal antipathy for the man who is associated in her thought and feeling with the defeat which clouded the last days of her favorite statesman and almost idolized friend, Disraeli, to whose political audacity she owes her title of Empress of India But if she is advised by Lord Salisbury that in an election following so close upon the defeat of the Conservatives the moral effect of that defeat will favor the Liberals, it is thought likely that she will yield to the inevitable and summon Mr Gladstone

It is hardly possible that any other man among the Liberals would consent to undertake the formation of a government even if asked to do so by the queen The former occasion, some years ago, when Lord Hartington essayed, the task differed in many respects from the present one Certain measures championed by Mr. Gladstone had then been discredited and there was at least the shadow of an excuse for ignoring his natural claims to leadership But he is now in the position of having just led a victorious movement and though the queen allow personal feeling to influence her and summon another statesman, it will be a remarkable thing if the one called upon will venture to so far disregard precedent and traditional courtesy as to attempt to lead the Liberal party while its acknowledged chief remains insubordinate

Before Lord Salisbury's return to London the decision reached by the queen may become known unofficially but the official statement of her plans will not be made in its entirety until the house reassembles on Monday

A dispatch from Athens confirms the rumor received that the Greek ministry have announced their decision to conform to the wishes of Europe in regard to the attitude of Greece toward Turkey and Bulgaria This gratifying intelligence comes so quickly after Gladstone's appeal to the Athenians for moderation and his practical resumption of control in English politics as to strongly conform with recent predictions in these dispatches that Gladstone's return to power will have a beneficial influence in eastern affairs It is hoped that no further trouble will occur in the Balkan peninsula before the conference of ambassadors shall have rendered its decision, to which the several disputants have agreed in advance to submit

### Salisbury Gladstone and Hartington.

LONDON, Jan 29—Lord Salisbury dined with the queen at Osborne house, and will return to London at 9 30 o'clock

Mr Gladstone will probably be summoned to Osborne by the queen

Lord Hartington has refused to co operate with Mr Gladstone in the formation of a ministry

### Why They Adjourned.

LONDON, Jan 29—In the house of commons Sir Michael E Hicks Beach stated that in consequence of the adverse vote of Tuesday night the cabinet had resigned The house adjourned to meet Monday, February 1

## LABOR TROUBLES

**The Carpet Weavers Gaining Ground in Their Strike in Philadelphia.**

PHILADELPHIA, Jan 29—The striking hand loom ingrain carpet weavers held a mass meeting at which more than one thousand strikers were present Committees reported that several of the manufacturers had conceded the advance of wages demanded and that the prospects that the others would shortly make concessions was very promising

Amid great enthusiasm a resolution was passed that "the weavers will stand firm in their demand for 1½ cents a yard for six months if necessary Another meeting is announced for Monday night It is said that at Monday's meeting the principles of the Knights of Labor will be explained and it is likely that all the strikers will join that organization

### Fears of Foul Play

ST LOUIS Mo, Jan 29—Johnston Morrison, a wealthy and well known contractor doing business at 612 Chestnut street, is reported to the police as having disappeared on January 25, and has since not been located by his friends At the time he disappeared he was supposed to have a large amount of money on his person, and it is feared he has met with foul play

### Powder and a Lamp.

SPRINGFIELD Ill, Jan 29—Charles Keefer and Albert S Eager, two coal miners were fatally injured while going to their work in the mine at the West coal shaft One of them had a keg of blasting powder under his arm which ignited by a spark from his lamp and an explosion followed That they were not instantly killed is a marvel

### Wanted to Die

CINCINNATI, Jan 29 — The police arrested

## CONDENSED NEWS.

**Topics of the Times Cut Short for Hasty Readers.**

Smallpox is disappearing from Montreal.

The jury in the trial of Gen Alex. Shaler, at New York, failed to agree

The Indiana Swine Breeders' association elected officers at Indianapolis.

Gen Hazen defends the signal service against charges of irregularities in accounts.

Harry Worman, of Fostoria, O, was killed while playing with a dynamo at the electric light works.

John B McCoy, a Louisville sport was found murdered It is supposed he was assassinated for money

Archbishop Gibbons says he knows nothing about the red hat for which he is reported to have been measured

In the Kentucky senate the high license bill was discussed and further consideration postponed until next Wednesday

H Heimun, Hungarian rabbi at Zanesville, has filed charges against several of his parishioners for violently assaulting him in the synagogue.

The Miami & Erie Canal association has elected officers for the ensuing year The legislature will be asked for an appropriation to put the canal in navigable condition from Lake Erie to Cincinnati

### Ohio Legislature.

SENATE—No business transacted in the Senate

HOUSE.—Bills passed Extending the time for which children in Children's homes may be indentured until they become of age, making the penalty more certain and severe for persons who unlawfully punish or deprive children of food or shelter

### Congress.

In the senate a number of bills were introduced, including one by Mr Sherman to discontinue the coinage of the standard dollar, to provide for the monthly purchase of bullion and the issue of coin certificates thereon Resolutions for the retirement of United States district and circuit judges and the forfeiture of unearned land grants were offered by Mr Ingalls The bill to divide the Sioux reservation in Dakota was considered until the expiration of the morning hour, when the bill for the admission of Dakota as a state was taken up and debated The death of Congressman Ellwood, of Illinois, was announced by a message from the house, and after eulogies by Senators Cullom and Logan, the senate at 4 15 p. m adjourned out of respect to the memory of the deceased

In the house the morning hour was occupied by resolutions and reports, one of which, from the committee on military affairs, authorized the president to restore officers to the army in certain cases. It went to the public calendar Eulogies were delivered on the late Representative Reuben Ellwood, of Illinois, and at 2 30 p m. the house adjourned

### Indications

WASHINGTON, Jan 29—Indications For Tennessee and Ohio Valley Fair weather preceded this morning by light local rains, winds generally northwesterly, higher barometer, generally colder

For Saturday, fair, slightly colder weather is indicated for New England, the Middle Atlantic states, the Ohio Valley, Tennessee and the Lower Lake region

## FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

**Quotations of the Stock, Produce and Cattle Market, Jan 28**

NEW YORK—Money 1½ per cent Exchange quiet Governments firm

Currency sixes 126 bid, fours, coupons, 123¼ bid four and a halfs 112¼ bid

The stock market opened dull and without any feature but after the first few sales on a good buying of several of the leading stocks prices advanced ⅛ to 1½ per cent by 11 o'clock This was subsequently almost wholly lost under a raid by the bears on St Paul but at the time of writing the market is firm with most of the list at the best figures

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| Bur & Quincy | 13[illegible]¼ | Morris & Essex | 104 |
| Canadian Pacific | [illegible] | Missouri Pacific | 106¼ |
| Canada Southern | 40¼ | N Y & Erie | [illegible]¼ |
| Central Pacific | 41½ | N Y Central | 10[illegible] |
| Chicago & Alton | 21 | Nash & Chatt | 45 |
| C C C & I | [illegible] | Northwestern | 106½ |
| Del & Hudson | 89 | Northern Pacific | 25¼ |
| Del Lack & W | 118 | do preferred | 7 |
| Denver & Rio G | 1 | Ohio & Miss | 2[illegible] |
| Erie seconds | 81¼ | Pacific Mail | 56 |
| East Tennessee | 11 | Rock Island | 12[illegible] |
| Illinois Central | 140½ | St Paul | [illegible]¼ |
| Jersey Central | 45¼ | St P & S C | 4 |
| Kansas & Texas | 8[illegible] | do preferred | 101¼ |
| Lake Shore | [illegible] | Texas & Pacific | 12 |
| Louisville & Nash | [illegible] | U Pacific | 49¼ |
| Mich Central | [illegible] | Western Union | 6[illegible] |

### Cincinnati.

FLOUR—Fancy $4 40@4 [illegible] family $4 10@4 35

WHEAT—No 3 red 91@92c No 2 91@95c

CORN—No 3 mixed 36[illegible]@37c No 2 mixed [illegible]½@38c

OATS—No 3 mixed [illegible]@31½c No 2 mixed 3[illegible]@3[illegible]c No 3 white 33@3[illegible]c

PORK—Family $10 00@11 12½, regular $11 25@11 [illegible]

BACON—Short clear sides $5 90@[illegible]

LARD Kettle 6[illegible]@6[illegible]c

CHEESE—Prime to choice Ohio 9@9¼c New York 10@10½c Northwestern 8@9c

POULTRY Choice full grown chickens $1 75@4 25 ducks $[illegible]@4 50 geese $[illegible] 00@6 [illegible] per dozen live turkeys [illegible]@[illegible]c

WOOL Unwashed medium clothing 21@25c, fine merino 20@21c common 15@16c fleece-washed medium clothing 30@31c combing 33@[illegible]c, fine merino X and XX, 30@35c burr and cots 1[illegible]@20c tub washed 28@34c pulled, 24@28c

HAY—No 1 timothy $1[illegible] 50@13 00 No 2 $11 [illegible]@12 00 mixed $10 50@11 00 prairie $8 00@9 00, wheat, oats and rye straw $[illegible] 00@5 50

CATTLE—Good to choice butchers $3 75@4 [illegible], fair $[illegible]@3 50 common $1 [illegible]@2 50, stockers and feeders $3 [illegible]@4 2[illegible] yearlings and calves, $2 50@[illegible] 50

HOGS Selected butchers $4 10@4 25 fair to good packing $3 [illegible]@4 1[illegible], fair to good light $3 55@[illegible] common $[illegible] 20@3 5[illegible] culls $2 85@3 20

SHEEP—Common to fair $2 25@3 00 good to choice $3 2[illegible]@4 00, common to fair lambs $3 00@[illegible] good to choice $[illegible] 85@5 25

### Pittsburg.

Grain market unsteady weather operates against trade Wheat in fair local demand, longberry red 99c@$1 00 No 1 red, 98@99c, No 2 [illegible]@[illegible]c No [illegible] [illegible]@92c Rye demand [illegible] Ohio and Pennsylvania 69@70c, No 1 Western 6[illegible]@6[illegible] No 2 63@65c Oats steady, No 1 white 3[illegible]@[illegible] No 2 38@38c No 3, 36½@[illegible]c Corn fair inquiry ear yellow 41½@48c, high mixed 41@41c mixed 40@41c, shelled, [illegible] high mixed 4[illegible]@41c, mixed,

MARION WEEKLY STAR.

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THE iron trade continues quiet the sales of manufactured iron last week being below what had been expected, but it is said that the prospects for an increased consumption are steadily improving, and the feeling in the trade is still firm and confident

SEVERAL hundred boxes of oranges frozen in the recent cold snap in Florida have been seized and destroyed in New York on account of their unwholesomeness The loss of the fruit crop in Florida by reason of the extreme cold is placed at one million dollars

JUDGE Brewer, of the U S Circuit Court, has decided that the State of Kansas will have to pay not only for the distilleries and breweries which the enactment of the prohibition law rendered unprofitable, but also for the vineyards The total will run up into the hundreds of millions

OHIO is still at the front of her sisters in politics with two senates, but Kansas takes the lead on all kinds of big crops Last week near St Mary's were born to Mrs Joseph Welch, five babies three boys and two girls This makes thirteen children presented to her husband on but three occasions

THE amusing statement is made in one of the dispatches from Columbus that it required the united strength of three Sergeants at Arms to prevent Allen O Myers from thrashing somebody Perhaps But it wouldn't have required much exertion on the part of the intended victim to have achieved the same result

THE trouble down at Columbus is that the senators have too many advisers They are allowing themselves to be used as jumping jacks by unscrupulous outsiders The Sergeant at Arms should be instructed to use his mace vigorously on the blackguards who have become recognized as disturbers of the peace and the dignity of the senate

THE Canton episode has evidently made Senator Payne cautious about recommending applicants for postmastership He has turned over to the Postmaster General all the papers sent to him in connection with the contest over the Cincinnati postoffice, without making any recommendations as to who should be appointed postmaster

A GOOD number of gavels have been sent to Lieut Gov Kennedy with which he is expected to preside over the senate Judging from the positions the two parties have taken, all the gavels in the United States will do no good till one or the other gives in a peg or two Still they tend to show Mr Kennedy the admiration his friends have for the course he is pursuing

ALLEN O MYERS and a number of his followers held an indignation meeting at Columbus Wednesday night to denounce Kennedy and the seventeen republican senators The whole affair was Myers, Myers, Myers and a disgraceful proceeding throughout It would seem that a man squelched beneath such an avalanche of votes as Franklin county buried Myers under should consider his services not wanted in politics anyway

ACCORDING to ex Senator Pomeroy, of Kansas, General Lee might have been made a prisoner before he took command of the Confederate army in Virginia but for the faith of Mr Seward in Lee's loyalty It will never be known how many mistakes more or less disastrous in their consequences were due to the misplaced confidence and optimism of Mr Seward yet the country has had few greater men

JOAQUIN MILLER poet and Miss Maud Miller actress, appear to be in an interesting [illegible] Their family relations have been too much discussed in the *newspapers of late and whether the eccentric poet neglected his wild daughter or the eccentric daughter annoyed her fond but cranky father is a matter of no public consequence Miss Miller's latest matrimonial escapade however may be a matter of some interest to the authorities who take note of the doings of those who commit bigamy

THE Committee on Labor in the Lower House of Congress is considering to devise a means of obliterating Italian slavery in this country The worst feature to be prevented is that of [illegible] Italian children to this country and compelling them to act as street musicians and beg for money [illegible] Italian laborer whose life is a cultured worker has been observed by our own citizens is no other than a slave brought to this country by means of great promises that are never kept even were it possible The movement to give freedom to this unfortunate class finds approval in every liberty loving citizen

## BATH ROOMS OF THE HOUSE

### The Place Where Members Go to Wash Out the Heat of a Long Discussion

The house bath rooms are in the basement of the capitol in the southeast corner under the elevator where the light of day never reaches Robert is the colored man who has for a long time been in charge of the baths William is his assistant He is younger than Robert and the dimness of the light doesn't affect the *keenness of his bright little black eyes* and he is well suited for the duties he has to perform He trims the congressmen's corns

"Is you the gentleman that wanted his corns trimmed" asked William, as the reporter passed down the dim vaulted cellar

"Want a nice bath" said Robert throwing a couple of towels over his arm and taking off his glasses so as to get a better look at the reporter

"Why do you have a chiropodist here" asked the scribe in surprise

"That's me" said William "That's what I am"

"*Are you paid by congress especially to take care of the members feet*" asked the scribe

"Not exactly for that Robert is in charge of the bath and I'm his assistant the rest is thrown in by me as a sort of extra and if the members want to give me something for it they can They mostly do though I never charge anything They're generally mighty glad to get rid of a big corn and they ain't slow *about giving me something*"

"How about the baths" asked the reporter turning to Robert

"Mostly all the members take 'em The new members come as fast as they learn about it Many of them don't know there are any baths here and they go a long time before they find it out Some of the members are very particular about their baths Some bathe in rum some in sea salt and some in sulphur"

"Are the baths furnished by the government free"

"Yes except the sulphur the rum and the salt That we have to buy ourselves and the members pay us for it We don't *ask any pay but they know that it comes* out of our own pocket so they generally pay us back The government pays us our salaries and furnishes tubs water towels soap combs and brushes and such like There are five tubs for the members and they are most always full and around the corner are four tubs for employes Then there's a Russian bath where the members get steamed They can lie down there and get steamed just like oysters"

"This is the best bath room" and he led the way into a large room at the end of corridor where there was an immense white marble tank or tub a big marble washstand a shower bath and a big sil*ver faucet that would let in a stream of* any temperature desired in such volume as to fill the tub in a few seconds Overhead hung a silver shower bath apparatus through which water of any temperature could be poured down in a delightful shower upon the bather The room throughout is newly carpeted and was as warm as a feather bed

"There are two like this" said the bath master "and the rest have porcelain tubs *The employes used to have shower baths,* too but let them run all over the floor, and we had to take them out"

These bath rooms are very popular In the summer during the long session the members go there to wash out the heat of a long debate The effects of dinner parties are often soaked out there in the morning and the members appear fresh on the floor of the house when the day's session opens —Washington Star

### Filling the Inexorable Space

A character may be ruined a life blighted a family disgraced and broken up by a tissue of lies but the inexorable space of the newspaper must be filled It is true too that American newspapers with all their good uses are sinking the people into a moral abyss The man or the woman who opens the newspaper to read eagerly some dirty story about a neighbor or about some other person is not in a state of moral elevation * * * A careless paragraph is written and forgotten by the man who wrote it It may be half true but only half true because the newspaper writer had neither the inclination nor the time to verify it Nevertheless it does its work of destruction —New York Freeman's Journal

### The Opinion of a New Senator.

The new senator from New York finds many of his old acquaintances here and his family renew the friendships made when Senator Evarts was secretary of state under the Hayes *administration* To one who asked him how he liked this Washington life having experienced it at different times and in different capacities he lively responded

"Oh yes I like Washington It's a cross between college life and a watering place" —Washington Cor New York Times

### The Happy Days of Childhood

Ah yes Brother Dobkins we are growing old we shall never again know the happy hours that childhood knows we—here Tommy fetch me my slippers we shall never live those peaceful [illegible] days Tom didn't I tell you to [illegible] my slippers those days when the [illegible] looked all bright and joyous [illegible] Mr Dobkins till I get out and teach that confounded boy (R turning [illegible] As I was saying Mr Dobkins we shall never [illegible] never see childhood's happy hours again —Chicago News

### Nervous Prostration from Overwork

Dr Burnett the husband of Mrs Frances Hodgson Burnett tells me that his wife is still at the Massachusetts village where she spent the summer and that she shows no signs of recovering from the illness which has afflicted her [illegible] She is suffering from a complete prostration of the nervous system [illegible] and her doctors have [illegible] thing but absolute quiet and [illegible] that she is a prisoner in a little New England [illegible] away from all excitement —Washington Cor Inter Ocean

### The Nails of an Infant

The French say that it is good luck [illegible] the first time an infant's nails are cut to put [illegible] of gold or silver in its hand [illegible] always a good sign to cut its nails [illegible] and to preserve [illegible] cut the nails on a Monday White spots on the nails of a child's right hand [illegible] late good luck if on the left a [illegible] approach St Paul's [illegible] —Cleveland Leader

### Creole Cure for Sleeplessness

The New Orleans creoles make [illegible] ing draught of lettuce [illegible] administered in large quantities before going to bed to cure sleeplessness

Of the playgoers of Paris 10 000 are on the free list

## THE WORK OF "OLD PROBS"

### HOW THE SIGNAL SERVICE GETS ITS METEOROLOGICAL FACTS.

***Making Up a 'Forecast' from Reports Received in Cipher Atmospheric Moisture The Barometer What Is Meant by an 'Area of Low Depression'***

The weather bureau is now organized as a military institution or an appendage of the regular army Throughout the United States there are [illegible] signal stations in charge of nineteen officers and 500 men of the signal corps of the army Each station is provided with the best instruments including the latest inventions for observing and accurately recording the constant variations of the weather From [illegible] of these stations telegraphic reports are sent daily to Washington the others report by mail

Reports are received from the trained observers at important stations three *times every twenty four hours* These reports contain full particulars of the weather in the different districts Seventeen stations in Canada one in St Johns Newfoundland and one in the northwestern part of British America send reports and there are over 500 outside volunteer observers in different sections who also send reports by mail The telegraphic reports are transmitted to Washington by means of a secret code *a few figures* conveying a long amount of information These reports are received from all the stations in the United States Canada and the West Indies inside of thirty minutes

A translation takes the telegrams in hand and reads them off to eight clerks each of whom has a special weather map before him on which he marks the particular reading he has been instructed to take These eight maps are afterward combined in one general map which then fully represents all phases of the weather throughout the territory covered This map is closely studied by an expert signal officer the storm center located the *probable course of coming storms deter*mined and the complete indications made up for the several districts

SYSTEM AND INSTRUMENTS USED

Some account of the system and instruments used may be interesting to the majority of readers The bureau bases its forecasts upon observations as to barometer thermometer hygrometer anemometer weather vane and rain gauge made at the same instant three times a day at all the stations Each observer inspects his instruments at 7 35 a m 4 35 p m and 11 35 p m Washington time where the bulletins are made up and published in each case one hour and twenty five minutes *after the observations are* made at 9 a m 6 p m and 1 a m respectively Probable weather prophecies require that all certain things be known respecting the condition of the atmosphere over a wide area its weight as indicated by the barometer its temperature, as shown by the thermometer its degree of humidity as shown by the hygrometer and the direction and velocity of its currents as recorded by the weather vane and anemometer

The barometer used in our service is the common mercurial barometer in which the varying weight of the atmosphere at any given place is balanced against the weight of a column of mercury contained in a glass tube about thirty three inches in length At the sea level in fair weather a column of air one inch square and extending to the upper limit of the atmosphere weighs fifteen pounds a column of mercury of the same section and thirty inches high weighs the same hence the power of the air under the condition mentioned to sustain in a tube containing a vacuum in its upper end a column of *mercury of the height named* It follows of course that the height of the mercurial column will vary with the variation in the weight of the atmosphere falling when the air is rendered light by reason of the presence of watery vapor by excessive heat or other cause and rising when the air is cold and dry or dense from other causes not necessary at present to enumerate It must not be supposed that a falling barometer is an invariable precursor of a storm the indications of the instrument are to be relied on only in connection with those of other instruments

AN AREA OF LOW BAROMETER

Suppose all the data in at the Washing*ton office at* [illegible] *p m and it is found that* at Nashville Tenn and a hundred miles around it in every direction there is an area of depression an area of low barometer say 29 2 while around Nashville as center we may draw a line showing a high barometer say 30 0 at Cincinnati Indianapolis St Louis Memphis Atlanta Abingdon Va, and Wheeling What is the forecast? There will be a flow of winds inward from all points named toward Nashville So far as practical effect is concerned low barometer is equivalent to a depression of the upper surface of the sea of air in which we live and high barometer is equivalent to an elevation *or wave which will naturally flow down* and fill up the depression There will therefore be an inflow toward Nashville from all points of the compass

Like water flowing toward a hole in the bottom of a tub the current of air will take on a whirling motion and this cyclonic movement which in the northern hemisphere under the influence of the earth's rotation is always from right to left will go on increasing in intensity Violent winds *rushing* about Nashville at a distance of about seventy five miles but a dead calm perhaps at the city itself In an ordinary water whirlpool there is suction downward but in our whirlwind *the suction is upward with of course a* lower barometer The warm air around about Nashville being thus carried by the cyclonic movement into the upper cold and less dense regions of the atmosphere becomes expanded and chilled so as to be incapable of maintaining longer its burden of moisture which falls as rain or snow —Washington Cor Globe Democrat

### Very Important if It Is True

Dr [illegible] the eminent ornithologist of Wurtemberg [illegible] of the sparrow [illegible] whose name [illegible] persistently [illegible] assert that after [illegible] study of the subject he has discovered the actual existence of the [illegible] which heretofore he has [illegible] —Philadelphia Call

### An English Cure for Chilblains

[illegible] chilblains The Lancet Medical advises that the parts affected be bathed [illegible] times [illegible] at a time with a mixture of [illegible] an ounce of sulphuric acid and a quart of water

### Machine to Tie a Square Knot

A Massachusetts man has invented a machine which he says will tie a square knot [illegible] by inventors as beyond the power of machinery.

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## TORTURES OF A RAILROAD TRAIN

### Some of the Minor Miseries The Family Lunch Basket

[illegible] an instrument of torture the [illegible] railroad train deserves [illegible] of it Looked upon [illegible] it is doubtless a big thing [illegible] incomparable matchless [illegible] apply to it especially [illegible] when upon the burning [illegible] pictured would the description [illegible] able Among the minor miseries which beset you after you have [illegible] yourself seated in this much lauded vehicle is the want of anything to breathe A person accustomed to the free air of heaven gasps in the red hot air it [illegible] instinctively places his handkerchief to his nose as the combined smells of the place strike upon his sensitive [illegible]

The [illegible] swaying motion added to the lack of oxygen soon produces a desperate and deathly feeling which no other combination of earthly circumstances can fully induce It is exaggerated however when your neighbor opens a lunch basket as car neighbors invariably do and feeds the six strong and lusty children seated near you How they eat—the the wonder will never cease! Eat straight on through the contents of that lunch basket without flinching! Ham sandwiches are

Like snow falls on a river
One moment white then gone forever

The bones of ancient and respectable fowls are picked up and flung away and greasy doughnuts are sent to their long home and still the insatiable monsters eat on

The repast proper is followed by apples candy and pop corn—ad infinitum ad nauseam—still they are not appeased They look hungrier than ever their jaws still seem in good condition You desire to recommend to them a whale or two as likely to be satisfying but the ravenous crew still eat on You try to open your window but of course it is of the kind that doesn't open This fact probably saves you from pneumonia and an early grave but it is nevertheless hard to bear at the time You turn your face away and produce your cologne bottle while the mother brushes the crumbs onto the floor and secretes the bones under the cushion you groan but to no purpose You are in for twenty four or thirty six or forty eight hours of this as the case may be and *there is no such thing as relenting* on the part of destiny Nothing but a great American smash up can save you —Hattie Tyng Griswold

### How Modern Ice Cream Is Made

It will probably be difficult to convince the majority of the lovers of ice cream of the real ingredients used by a large number of manufacturers of their favorite summer morsel It is well however that they should have brought to their knowledge the statement of one of the leading druggists of New York who speaks as he says from experience in the ice cream business "Not only did we use cotton seed oil in the manufacture of our cream" says this authority "but very often lard oil which is nothing else than the oleo oil of the butterine trade Contrary to the butter making though the oil is not chilled by being run into tanks of cracked ice but is warmed in steam jacket kettles to nearly the boiling point 200 degrees Fahr

The milk which is purchased from the creameries is what might be called skimmed on both sides and partially in the middle is also heated to about 175 degrees Fahr thus nearly equalizing the specific gravity of the two principal ingredients To every five gallons of *milk costing 30 cents* is added eight ounces of oleo oil After this is thoroughly mixed there is an addition of six ounces of potato starch which is cheaper than corn starch and one half ounce of gelatine The whole delectable matter is then boiled in copper vacuum pans The ingredients unite chemically much better in a vacuum than under atmospheric pressure as would be the case in open vessels

Again the boiling point is lowered and thus is prevented what has proved such a nuisance in butter making the suet flavor Whatever should remain of that nasty flavor in the so called ice cream is *killed by the flavoring extracts* mostly vanilla Then the mess is congealed in ordinary freezers and your modern ice cream is ready for the market The average vanilla extract is made from the [illegible] of the [illegible] *and a better* [illegible] is made from the tonka bean —Brooklyn Magazine

### Gospel Steamers in African Waters

A number of [illegible] steamers are plying in the waters [illegible] Africa in the interest of the gospel The Henry Wright [illegible] Zanzibar and [illegible] Mombasa the Henry Wright and the Ilala are navigating the Nyassa the [illegible] is engaged on the Victoria Nyanza the Good News has crossed [illegible] Tanganyika and the [illegible] has made her first trip on the [illegible] above the [illegible] falls The Charles Janson is under construction for the Nyanza and the Henry Venn has been [illegible] at a cost of $10,000 for a voyage up the Niger She is intended to replace [illegible] rendered [illegible] able service to the missionaries —Exchange

### Butler and His Legal Practice

Scarcely a week passes that Gen Benjamin F Butler does not appear as counsel before the supreme court So frequent are the general's visits to Washington that his presence on the streets attracts no more attention than it does in Boston The general's home is still at Lowell but his principal law office is at Boston, which city has been his headquarters for years One of the general's Massachusetts friends tells me that the stories that he is financially crippled are the purest *imagination and that he is richer to day* than at any previous time in his history His manufacturing interests in New England are no less prosperous than for years past while his fees as an attorney are said to aggregate $150 000 annually

By his legal brethren Gen Butler is regarded as not only successful lawyer financially but professionally as well His great success in winning suits lies in the fact of his intense earnestness He makes an honest endeavor to win every case intrusted to his care This is a far greater consideration than the emoluments which may accrue to him However tricky Butler may be in political *manipulations in his private relations* he is scrupulously honorable If a person places a case in his hands which his intelligence tells him one of the half a dozen bright young men associated with him can handle quite as well as himself he tells his visitor so "By doing this" he says "you will lessen the attorney's fees greatly, while your matter will receive my personal attention upon all points where my associate may need instruction" Gen Butler has a serious objection to appearing as counsel in murder trials He greatly prefers civil suits He says a murder case worries him He becomes interested to such an extent that *he can not sleep or think of anything else* He sturdily refuses to appear in such cases except where the pressure brought to bear is too strong to be resisted —Washington Cor Chicago News

### The Stunning Turnouts of Chicago.

Chicago is certainly a progressive city, and I see evidences of it every time I come here Although over half a century behind New York in the matter of age, still it is rapidly catching up to us in the matter of customs and fashions I remember that when I was last here, three years ago there were only two bang tailed horses to be seen on the lake shore drive, and I was told they were *the only ones in* the city Now you can stand at the head of the drive at Lincoln park and see hundreds of bang tailed steeds The only criticism that might be made is that the fashion is carried too far, and that instead of banging the tails of blooded horses only every plug used as a saddle horse is so treated Then again, a few years ago the turnouts to be seen on the drives were as a rule nothing to boast of, but it is different to day

My traveling companion remarked to me while we were strolling down Michigan avenue that he had never seen more elegant equipages or handsomer horses than he had gazed on in Chicago Still, I could not help noticing that the tout ensemble—if I may so call it—of a stunning turnout was often spoiled by the appearance of a man on the box with a slouch hat on his head and often with a cigar in his mouth Nevertheless I as a New Yorker having a proper share of local pride must say that Chicago is making rapid progress in cultivating the graces of life and is not altogether devoted to money making —Cor Globe Democrat

### Closing Scenes of a Day's Session

It is now 4 50 and in a short time the house of representatives will adjourn for the day Already half of the wicker backed armchairs are vacant and the remainder of the members are getting their desks ready to leave Many of them are tearing paper into bits and throwing it *upon the floor and the 1 400 yards of car*pet which cover the chamber is as well littered as though the paper had been sowed upon it with a drill In the cloak rooms at the back of the hall are members slipping on their coats and then slyly moving out of the door and the only person who is comparatively at ease is the Illinois member who is reading away as calmly as though the house had just opened and no one was anxious to get home to dinner Sentence after sentence, and paragraph after paragraph he goes on until it seems impossible for him to say more

The lights are turned on and 150 great squares of glass in the outer rim of the rich paneled ceiling shine like amber gold with the light of the gas above them making the house as bright as day Still the speaker continues When the house is about vacant he stops short and in a minute an adjournment has been moved and there is a general rush to the cloak rooms to the street cars and home —Carp" in Cleveland Leader

### The Natives of Southern Africa.

The natives of the southern portion of Africa—the Zulus Basutos Swarzies and Bechuanas are among the best races in Africa They are exceedingly bright have regular and handsome features and small feet and hands and are at all times friendly They practice polygamy buying and selling their wives like cattle but do not allow the whites to mix with them —Exchange

## THE BIRD AND THE SHADOW

Through the blue heavens with sunl on its wings,
The free bird flies and sings
Beneath upon the ground its sha plays
In endless aimless maze

O fool who only sees the shadow blu
And not the bright winged bird!
And all the years, thine arrows, sq derest
On such insensate quest!

O lift though it be late, thine es dimmed eyes,
Where on the darkened skies
Still flash the white wings! If one s remain
With that thou mayest attain!

—London Spectat

### Wearing Masks for the Complexio

A thousand women sleep masked e night in this city That is an estim but it is based on facts that make i tirely trustworthy In one street g over to retail trade in women's dec tion, from the harmless necessary c to the vain superfluous satin, from es tial coverings of feet with shoes to c laying of faces with cosmetics, t hangs a sign board which tells that m are sold upstairs On entering I fo that a traffic was actually g on The article of humbug wa pliable mask seemingly of cloth pregnated with an oily unguent, meant to be worn on the face during times, with the expectation that it w *improve the complexion* The false vi was in a great variety of features sizes, so that any woman could get a fit, the idea being that the skin of th tire face should come into close con with the supposed medicament

The probability is that such a swea of the skin really produces softness smoothness, though exposure might e chap the tender surface, and thereby the gain I learned to a certainty about 2,000 masks had been sold with week and it is fair to believe that, wi many distributed, at least 1,000 women nightly using them —New York Cor cago Herald.

### Making an Old Woman Happy.

We knocked at the door of a wret house and it was opened by an old wo We had been shivering a little ourse in our warm wool gowns and h wraps This woman, whose blood thin and old, wore—what was it? original material was lost in the pat which covered it That poor, thin woman in that poor, thin old gown! led us *to a little bare room* where a erate fire was burning She gave us s and Dorothea handed her the things good women of the mission had sent When a plump chicken was laid be her she said, fixing her hungry eyes it 'A chicken! I never thought to one again I get mutton at 2 cen pound and it's very good for poor fo

I looked at Dorothea The tears in her eyes, and her slender fingers nervously handling her little purse I room adjoining lay the old woman's daughter dying with consumption that cold room! that wretched bed! t bare walls! the thin old nightgown *the sick girl wore! those hollow eyes* labored breathing, the wasted hands!

And yet the old woman said that was good because her son had succe in getting a job in a coal yard, and they could have a fire!—Buffalo Exp

### A Yellow Color for Marble

By means of a simple chemical pro a beautiful coloring of yellow is given to marble without any inju effect upon the polish or hardness o stone Neutral chloride of iron is for purpose dissolved in 90 per cent of hol and after gently heating the ma to be colored the solution in questi applied by means of a brush, a sprin or by pouring, the strength of the solu being of course, proportioned to depth of the color desired, and care h requisite in regard to the degree of perature, On the marble becoming pletely dry it is moistened with wate exposed to moist air, when the decom tion of the salt of iron takes place i upper strata and the process of colora is complete all that remains to be being to polish the surface if necess or it may be simply rubbed off with a cloth For light tints very diluted tions are applied —Scientific Journal

### Dream of the New Orleanaise

In spite of the decadence of much o old time glory of New Orleans it is s beautiful city There never was a buoyant, hopeful, and plucky people the New Orleanaise He believes i city and her future Nothing can s his faith in her ultimate destiny, an discouragement, such as idle wha empty ships, or diverted trade, can turb his equanimity, or blind his The dream of the New Orleanaise is his city shall be the great mercantil trepot for Mexico Central America the Brazils He is not exactly clear this is to be brought about, though quite certain it will be just as soo Eads's Tehuantepec ship railway sha completed and new life put into Amer shipping They believe in Eads here, and his ship railway scheme is to their hearts —Cor Chicago Herald

### Making a Literary Reputation.

[Chicago Tribune]

"I go into society a good deal," said a visitor to an editor, "and I want to get the reputation of being a literary man something like Henry James and those fellows. Now how shall I go to work?" "Talk Balzac to them," sententiously replied the editor. "But I never read Balzac," was the response. "Neither have society people, so you're on perfectly safe ground. You just compare [illegible] with [illegible] and you'll be [illegible] to read a paper before a fortnight." [illegible] The editor turned sadly to his [illegible] reflecting that he had probably [illegible] another reputation without receiving a commission.

## [illegible] TIME TABLE.

([illegible] 1886)

### NEW YORK, PENN. AND OHIO

Leased by NYLE&W.

| Arrive from West | | Arrive from East. |
|---|---|---|
| [illegible] | No. 8 | 9 1 am |
| [illegible] | 1 | 8 17am |
| [illegible] | 11 | 12 26pm |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | 1 40pm |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | 6 15pm |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | 10 28pm |

### C., H. V. & T., R. R.

| NORTH | | SOUTH. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| [illegible] Exp | [illegible] 22 a m | Columb's Exp | 7 48 a m |
| Mail & Exp | [illegible] 01 p m | Mail & Exp. | 1 18 p m |
| Toledo Exp | [illegible] 32 p m | Columb's Exp | 8 47 p m |

### C., C., C. & I., R. R.

| EAST | | | WEST. |
|---|---|---|---|
| [illegible] | [illegible] 28am | No. 3 | 11 10am |
| No. 1 | 10 [illegible]am | No. 5 | 3 09pm |
| [illegible] | [illegible]3pm | No. 9 | 11,15pm |
| Local | 1[illegible]pm | Local | 9 15am |

### [illegible] AND ATLANTIC TIME CARD

| Arrive | | Leave |
|---|---|---|
| [illegible] | No. 3 | 10 35pm |
| 11 [illegible] | [illegible] | 2 00pm |
| [illegible] | 1 | 8 35am |
| [illegible] | 3[illegible] | 5 15am |
| 11 [illegible] | 23 | 2 30pm |

ACHES! PAINS!

[illegible] over! What a common expression and how much it means to many poor sufferers! These aches have a [illegible] more frequently than is generally [illegible] the cause is the Liver or [illegible]. No disease is more painful or [illegible] than these and no remedy is so [illegible] effective as

MISHLER'S HERB BITTERS.

[illegible] has yet been discovered [illegible] effective in all KIDNEY AND COMPLAINTS MALARIA DYS[illegible] and yet [illegible] simple and [illegible] Science and medical skill [illegible] with wonderful success those [illegible] which nature has provided for the cure of disease. It strengthens and in[illegible] the whole system.

Hon. Thaddeus Stevens the distinguished Congressman [illegible] wrote to a fellow member who was [illegible] from indigestion and kidney disease: [illegible] Mishler's Herb Bitters, I believe it will cure [illegible] I have used it for both indigestion and affection of the kidneys and it is the most wonderful combination of medicinal herbs I ever saw."

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## CAPITAL CITY OF BRAZIL.

### RIO JANEIRO'S SUGAR-LOAF PEAKS AND SPACIOUS HARBOR

**A Picture of Beauty and Quaintness—Scenes in the Streets of the City—Queer Carts—The Botanical Garden—A Touch of All Nationalities.**

The first and last impression of this city of palms, mounds and lovely bay is that of beauty and quaintness. The sugar loaf peaks, and the blue of surrounding hills, the forts guarding the narrow entrance, the spacious and lovely bay, and the strange way the city pours itself around several round hills that rise up close to the coast like promontories—all these things fix the first view and are present as one steams away.

Approaching the island that stands outermost as one comes from the south, the electric light house with its white walls shines out over the sea. The whole coast is studded with azure peaks and the entrance into the slit like opening, guarded by two rock shoulders of the mountain chains, leads to an open recess from the sea very wide and deep. The entrance is contracted and can not be over a mile wide, and every inch of it is commanded by the guns that frown on the parapets and embrasures of the fortified mounds.

THE HARBOR AND THE CITY

The harbor is circular and about ten miles in diameter, one of the largest and best in the world, said to be equaled by the one at Sydney, in Australia. Yet there are no wharves at which large ships can receive and discharge cargoes. The lighter and steam tug are here as at almost every other port in South America the favorite way to carry freight to and from the vessel. Small steamers and sailing craft can run up to the solidly built stone wharves.

There are seven mounds rising up near the shore of the bay, with narrow fringes between their base and the water, whereon are warehouses and other stores of commission merchants. The streets and tall buildings lie along the intervals of these mounds and all about them.

One finds himself alternately in a throned city and almost in the country as he follows one of the lines of street cars. There are houses and stores sided with glazed tiles generally blue reminding one of Lisbon where the same style prevails quite extensively. The streets are finely paved with square stone the buildings fronting upon them are built without fear of earthquake, often three and four stories in height. Then, too, the little courts and spaces about the houses are lovely with green trees and flowers.

There are no wagons in use, but the drayage is done with huge carts drawn by a single ox, bull or mule. The wheels of these carts are something tremendous—felloes over four inches deep and nearly as thick and spokes in proportion. They are very noisy and sleep is badly disturbed in a room fronting on the street, for they go thundering and jolting all night long. One will also see men driving cows with muzzled calves following them from place to place, distributing milk, though there are peddlers of the lacteal fluid, mounted on horses and mules, flying along every morning.

A TOUCH OF ALL NATIONALITIES

*Many of the streets are so narrow no carriages are permitted to enter them* after 9 o'clock in the morning. The shops mostly patronized lie along these secluded passages. Generally the stores are bright and attractive, patterns of Paris shops, and many of them are kept by French people. The city is most cosmopolitan. A touch of all nationalties is found here. Portuguese is the dialect of the masses, but several languages are spoken in every shop.

The botanical garden is perhaps the most interesting spot about Rio. It lies some five or more miles out, and is reached by a tramway. Here are the finest row of palm trees in the world. They cross each other at right angles—the rows are in pairs, with bases of circular green sward. The vista down the rows is very imposing. The trees are at least 100 feet high and *perhaps much more, with diameter of two* or more feet. The green tops the graceful body tapering to the lofty summits the wonderful symmetry are all quite perfect.

The garden has other beauties like bunches of bamboo very tall and vigorous a cascade of water let down in sheets over eight walls, a queer tree whose roots start out above ground from one to ten feet high and strike down *to the earth in close* proximity to each *other hedges of a* strange plant, flowers walks and fountains. The garden is a favorite resort.

The languor of the tropics rests on the people. There is no hurry every one has *time to spare*. The stores are full of quiet. Whether this inertia is peculiar to the Latin race in sultry latitudes it may be hard to tell. Some of the English and American residents of these *regions* though long domiciled here are yet full of energy, while others have taken on the [illegible] of the people among whom they [illegible].—Rio Janeiro Cor Kansas City Journal.

### Excited Picture Dealers of Paris.

Not Wall street alone was affected by the unexpected announcement of Vanderbilt's death. When the news reached Paris the picture dealers were thrown into [illegible] *a state of excitement as the bulls* and bears of New York. The following paragraph forthwith appeared in the evening French daily: "I hasten to calm the fears of this class of our business men, whose sales are not very large at this moment, by assuring them that the Vanderbilt gallery will not be put on the market. Perfect confidence can be placed in this statement. This is a very important piece of information, for the 208 canvases owned by the rich American are almost without exception of first class merit, and if offered to the public might prove disastrous to sales already announced." Herein is to be found another reason why the disappearance of this man *has attracted* such unusual notice in Paris.—Theodore Stanton in Inter Ocean.

### Topers of the Roman Empire.

The Romans under the *empire* were accustomed to drink the greatest quantities of wine at dinner. Their theory was that the more they drank the more they would be able to eat, and the more they ate the more they would be able to drink. So they ate and drank until they became helpless and then they were carried to the baths where they soaked their bodies in hot water and got ready for the next meal. Some of these gentlemen used to be able to drink a gallon of wine at a draught.—Boston Herald.

A hero, whether he wins or loses, is a hero.—Thackeray.

## BAD VESSELS THAT GO TO SEA

**An Old Sailor Says There Is a Regular Business in Rotten Hulks.**

"Since when have they stopped it?" queried an old salt on South street of a reporter who had been foolish enough to declare that unseaworthy vessels were never allowed to depart on ocean voyages as they were in days past. "I'd like to have you tell me the exact date," he continued, as he commenced to splice the ends of a piece of marline together. "I have been fooling my life away as a mariner for nigh onto twenty four years now and have sailed before the mast of every kind of craft, from the fisherman off the banks to a great big ship in deep water service. I have been in the pay of the government too, *I am sorry to say*, for it was in a regular war ship that I learned the many tricks of the trade. I am now what you fellows would call a weather beaten tar, and though I can spin a yarn at times, I'll be hanged if I'm lying when I say they are still sending bad vessels to sea.

"There are very few persons on land who think the worst villains on the face of the earth control ships. But they do. They *are regular vultures*, too, and care no more for the lives of those who happen to sail on their vessels than I do for an empty grog bottle. I am going to show you the practice of sending vessels to sea when they are entirely unfit to float around this here harbor is still being carried on, and you may say for me that I defy a single shipping man to come forward and assert I do not speak the truth. The manner in which rotten ships are bought is some*thing of this pattern. After making a* fortune in a vessel, and being told by the captain at the end of a voyage that the craft's skin was always covered with water the owner who has had her built looks around for a purchaser, for his conscience will not permit him to send her to sea again. Then this vulture steps in. The craft has seen two or three decades of service, he says to the owner, and, as she's leaky, no more than $4,000 or $5,000 can be paid for her. Finally he raises the amount a little and secures the vessel.

His profit in transactions of this kind is great, for he does not expend a dollar to have the ship repaired. He gets a freight of say 2 *shillings 6 pence on barrel oil* to the United Kingdom or continent. Now the ship carries, we will say 7 500 barrels. That means 18,750 shillings, or about $4,700 in all. Supposing that even the expenses of the ship are $2 000, you can readily see that it requires only two voyages to repay the vulture. The ship is not at all fit to go to sea, but still they manage to get seamen to sail on her. Sometimes they succeed in bringing her to her destination, but invariably in a short time she is missing. What gain do the vultures get? Why, they are after the insurance, and they generally get it. They are willing to pay from 15 to 20 per cent interest, because they know eventually *the premium* is theirs.—New York Mail and Express.

### Average Congressman at the Capital.

"All is not gold that glitters" is found to be as true an *adage* at Washington as elsewhere. The average congressman finds his life at the national capital sadly different from his ideal. He is not the big man in the general estimation that he supposed he was. The Troy Times' correspondent relates that recently, during the discussion of the rules in the house, careful scrutiny showed that only two members out of 300 were giving the slightest attention to an orator, who was doing his level best. He spoke ably and vigorously for half an hour. The other members were writing letters, reading newspapers, or chatting.

A wealthy young western member remarked that if it were not for the look of the thing he would resign and go home. "My work here," said he, "consists in doing chores for my constituents. I am trotting around half the time looking after documents and one thing and another in which I have no interest. At home I had people to wait on me, but here I am treated like a hired man, and not a very good one at that."—Boston Journal.

### Why People Covet Earthly Riches.

A large income will purchase for a man the comfort, the tangible and intangible good which a small income will not. Nothing will controvert this bald fact. Not all *the preaching and philosophy in the world* can persuade a rational man that money is not a good thing, which will enable him to educate his children, to give them their choice of work in life, to procure skilled physicians, luxuries and change of air for his wife when death threatens her, to help the poor, to forward the cause of Christianity, and, for himself, to rest for a brief space before he leaves this beautiful world, to find out what is in it beyond drudgery.

There are high spiritual blessings, no doubt, which come to us through poverty, but the extremely small number of persons who voluntarily become hermits or paupers in these later days in order to obtain them show *how uncertain the popular* faith in them has grown. Money is of value to a man just in proportion as it buys for him these assured benefits, or anything else which he esteems a benefit.—Philadelphia Press.

### The Alleged Increase of Insanity.

The question of insanity and its greater or less prevalence to day as compared with former times appears to be far from settlement. The fact that cases which were considered hopeless fifty years ago are now often cured, means that persons who would have died under the treatment then without the knowledge ever becoming general that their complaints were of the brain rather than of the body are now added to the table of statistics as lunatics. The great increase in the number and perfection of asylums also swells *the number of the recorded insane* and aids in complicating any attempt to judge whether the brain troubles are really, as it is often asserted, on the increase among civilized nations.—Medical Journal.

### Large Slabs of Flagging Stone.

The stone pavement in front of the late William H. Vanderbilt's residence in New York is made up of the largest slabs of flagging stone ever put in a single pavement. The stones were taken from the quarries in Pike county, Pennsylvania, west of Port Jarvis, N. Y., and the Bigelow quarry in Ulster county. The large slab immediately in front of the Vanderbilt *residence is the largest piece of flagging* ever transported from the quarries. It cost $9 000. The entire pavement cost $40 000.—New York Letter.

### Very Busy Making Great Guns.

Krupp's famous works at Essen have turned out a larger number of guns during the last three months of 1885 than are usually produced in a whole year. The heaviest delivery was made to Turkey, after which came Greece and Servia.

According to The Sanitary News Gen. Beauregard is one of the most active members of the New Orleans Cremation society.

## FRENCH SLOWNESS AND RED-TAPISM

**Real Defect of the French Civil Service System. Personal Grievances.**

No system is so perfect but it has its weak side. This brings me to the chief defect of the French civil service system, which is slowness and red tapism. No one who has not experienced it can imagine the tediousness of French official routine. As far as I can determine it must in this is due to traditional usages and somewhat to national characteristics. [illegible] time is not money to the Frenchman. He has an idea of business methods and precision, but none of business dispatch with a view to personal advantage. He does not care to make money if he has to do it inconveniently or in a hurry. Again the Frenchman is brought up to discipline, he is accustomed to self restraint in family and society and submits contentedly to authoritative regulations which guarantee him privileges *as well as impose upon him obligations*.

Whether this is so or not, it is certain that in every situation and in every affair in which red tapism and delay would enrage the American, the Frenchman awaits the slow turning of official cogs with astonishing equanimity. It is for this reason, perhaps, that the Frenchman makes no attempt to rectify a personal grievance by manifesting his indignation in the newspapers. The French people having no sympathy for sufferings of this description, and appeal to outraged public opinion," which does not exist, has no effect.

*In America it is quite different. Time,* to the active business man is money. If a government official should mar his operations by making him wait the offender would soon hear of it in such a public manner as to endanger his place. Especially would this be the case in a civil service organization like that of the French, not open to the attacks of mere *partisan journals*.—Paris Cor. New York Times.

### Insurance Risks in the Country.

"What sort of risks do you steer clear of?" was asked of the loss adjuster in the farm department of a well known insurance company.

"Creameries skating rinks and, in a great many cases, country school houses are declined by our company. Creameries are generally of tinder box construction. Rinks, while sometimes built securely against loss by fire accidentally started are just now the object of condemnation by the public. We in this case are afraid of the incendiary's torch. So, too, in the case of country school houses. The people in the district get at loggerheads regarding the location of the building—some wanting it in one place and some in another. It is finally built, and it is very often the case that some dark night it is reduced to ashes. We keep a special watch on risks of this kind, and as soon as we find the people fighting we cancel the policy at once."—Chicago Tribune.

### Use and Abuse of Postal Cards.

Evidently there is no "ethics," and scarcely etiquette, in the marvelously miscellaneous uses to which people put postal cards, some persons making them media for the conveyance of private information which should go under cover, and even love letters are written on them. The real uses of the postal card are obvious to everybody. They are especially valuable to the contractor who has the fat job of making them. They are serviceable for advertisements, announcements, notices of public meetings, and so on. One serious objection to their use is their transmission through provincial postoffices, since it is believed by some that the post*masters, and certainly the postmistresses* read every one of them, thus obstructing or delaying the public service. Bye and bye, probably, penny postage will do away with the postal card altogether.—New York World."

### Recreation of English Business Men.

The English man of business, once his hours are past, shakes the dust of the city from him literally, and hies him to his country home. With the casting off of his business suit, he casts aside business, and in full dress he dines. It is simply impossible to comprehend the difference between this "dining" and the American "*eating" unless both are experienced, but* there is more than the ocean between them. One is living—the other existing. In a thousand ways they make home [illegible] agreeable that in America would be very tedious, but nothing is to be more rejoiced at than that we are rapidly taking the [illegible] that travel and intercourse have thrown out, and may soon have as many charming American as there are now English homes.—Birmingham Cor. Courier Journal.

### Mahogany in Washington Dining Rooms.

A pretty fashion of old colonial days that has been increasing in favor during recent seasons is to leave the polished mahogany tables in dining rooms uncovered at afternoon receptions and teas. The old house wives used to pride themselves on the mirror polish of their fine boards and the phrases "under the board" and "the mahogany" had some significance. Those tables, darkened by age and long polishings are now the envy of all, and when set with the silver and porcelain of a tea equipage with each piece resting on a doily, are more effective in a day lighted room than with the cold snow white damask cloths.—Washington Cor. New York Times.

### A Statue to "Robinson Crusoe."

When Largo, the quiet Scotch village where Alexander Selkirk was born, erected a bronze statue to that hero the other day it almost went demented. There were triumphal arches and what not; best of all, a trades procession, in which the men carried a boat christened "Robinson Crusoe," while the lassies in their fishwife costume baited lines. Two of the most prominent figures were one representing the popular hero himself in a goat skin dress and the other a reproduction of Friday in a costume or want of costume which seems to have shocked the more respectable villagers.—London Letter.

### Original of the Hairy Family.

The original of the hairy family freaks so prevalent in dime museums recently died at Mandalay in Burmah. The mother, now [illegible] years old, is the daughter of a slave from Laos. She married a Burmese and among their children were two the heads and faces of which were covered (just as hers is and that of her father was) with long silky hair after the manner of a Scotch terrier.—Chicago Herald.

### The Day of Horses Is Past.

President Richards, of the Metropolitan *Horse railroad of Boston is quoted as* saying after a study of electric motors that the day of horses is past.

Doubling the diameter of a pipe increases its capacity four times.

## MARK TWAIN AS A PRINTER.

**The Printer of To-day and He of Thirty-five Years Ago**

[New York Sun]

Mark Twain was one of the after dinner speakers at the banquet at Delmonico's, New York, of the Typothetæ association, a club of wealthy printers and publishers. His *text was, "The Compositor." This is what* he said:

*Mark Twain at a recent printer's dinner.*

The chairman's historical reminiscences of Gutenberg have caused me to fall into reminiscence, for I myself am something of an antiquity. [Laughter.] All things change in the procession of years, and it may be that I am among strangers. It may be that the printer of to-day is not the printer of *thirty five years ago. I was no stranger* to him. I knew him well. I built the fire for him in the winter mornings, I brought his water from the village pump, I swept out his office, I picked up his type from under his stand, and if he was there to see I put the good type in his case and the broken ones among the "hellmatter," and if he wasn't there to see, I dumped it all with the "pi" on *the imposing stone—for that was the furtive* fashion of the cub, and I was a cub. I wetted down the paper Saturdays, I turned it Sundays—for this was a country weekly; I rolled, I washed the rollers, I washed the forms, I folded the papers, I carried them around in the disagreeable dawn Thursday mornings. The carrier was then an object of interest to all the dogs in town. If I had saved up all the bites I ever received, I could keep M. Pasteur busy for a year. I enveloped the papers that were for the mail—we had 100 town subscribers and 350 country ones, the town subscribers paid in groceries and the country ones in cabbage and cordwood—when they paid at all, which was merely sometimes, and then we always stated the fact *in the paper* and gave them a puff, and if we forgot it they stopped the paper. Every man on the town list helped edit the thing; that is, he gave orders as to how it was to be edited, dictated its opinions, marked out its course for it, and every time the boss failed to connect, he stopped his paper. We were just infested with critics, and we tried to satisfy them all over. We had one subscriber who paid cash, and he was more trouble to us than all the rest. He bought us once a year, body and soul, *for $2*. He used to modify our politics every which way and he made us change our religion four times in five years. If we ever tried to reason with him, he would threaten to stop his paper, and, of course, that meant bankruptcy and destruction. That man used to write articles a column and a half long leaded long primer and sign them "Junius," or "Veritas," or "Vox Populi," or some other high sounding rot, and then, after it was set up, he would come in and say he had changed his mind—which was a gilded figure of speech because he hadn't any—and order it to be left out. We couldn't stand such a waste as that. Well, we did have one *or two kinds of "bogus."* Whenever there was a barbecue or a circus, or a baptizing, we knocked off for half a day, and then to make up for short matter, we would turn over ads"—turn over the whole page and duplicate it. The other "bogus" was deep philosophical stuff, which we judged nobody ever read, so we kept a galley of it standing, and kept on slipping the same old batch of it in every now and then till it got dangerous. Also in the early days of the telegraph, we used *to economize on the news*

*A printer's dinner thirty-five years ago.*

We picked out the items that were pointed and full of information and stood them in galley and changed the dates and [illegible] and used them over and over again, for the public interest in them was [illegible]. We marked the ads, but we [illegible] paid any attention to the marks after [illegible] the life of [illegible] ad and a [illegible] was equally eternal. I have seen a [illegible] sheriff's sale still booming [illegible] along two years after the sale was over, the sheriff dead and the whole circumstance become ancient history. Most of the yearly ads were *patent medicine* [illegible] and we used to fence with them. [illegible] we pied a form [illegible] till next week, and we always [illegible] now and then when the fishing was good and explained it by the illness of the editor—a paltry excuse, because that kind of a paper was just as well off with a sick editor as a well one, and better off with a dead one than with either of them. He was full of blessed egotism and placid self importance, but he didn't know as much as a [illegible]. He never set any type except in the rush of the last day, and then he would [illegible] poetry and leave the [illegible]. He wrote [illegible] upon the vastest subjects, but [illegible] gifts of wedding cake, salty ice cream, abnormal watermelons and sweet potatoes the size of your leg. He was always a poet—a kind of poet of the Carrier's Address [illegible] and when [illegible] his intellect suppurated and he read the result to the printers and asked for their opinion they were very frank and straightforward about it. They generally scraped their rules on the boxes all the time he was reading and called it [illegible] when he was through. All this was forty years ago, when the man who could set [illegible] could put on *just as many airs as he wanted to, and it* these New York men who recently on a wager, set 2,000 an hour solid minion for four hours on a stretch had appeared in *that office they would have been received* as accomplishers of the supremely impossible, and drenched with hospitable beer till the brewery was bankrupt.

"I can see that printing office of prehistoric times yet, with its horse bills on the walls, its 'd' boxes clogged with tallow, because we always stood the candle in the 'k' box nights, its towel which was not considered soiled until it could stand alone, and other signs and symbols that marked the establishment of that kind in Mississippi valley, and I can see also the tramping 'jour' who flitted by in the summer and tarried a day, with his wallet stuffed with one shirt and a hatful of handbills, for if he couldn't get any type to set he would do a temperance lecture. His way of life was simple, his needs not complex, all he wanted was plate and bed and money enough to get drunk on and he was satisfied. But it may be, as I have said, that I am among strangers, and sing the glories of a forgotten age to unfamiliar ears, so I will 'make even' and stop."

### For Wives Only to Read.

(Chicago Herald.)

Don't impose on your husband just because he is good enough to assist you a little in your housework. Don't leave the stove handle in the red hot stove, and don't ask him to empty the ash hod. Draw a line on the ash hod, and don't run a free horse to death.

Don't monopolize every hook in the closet. Graciously tender him one nail for his very own—and then, in mercy, hang your "Mother Hubbard," your pelerine, your shopping bag and your bonnet some other place.

Don't be inexplicit in giving directions. When you ask him to go up stairs for your portemonnaie tell him it is either on the table, or in the further corner of the left hand side of the upper bureau drawer, or in the pocket of your brown dress in the closet. He will have no trouble in finding it—if you can tell him just where it is, especially the pocket.

Don't ask him where he has been the moment he enters the house, or where he is going if he starts out for a walk before breakfast. It nettles him, and men hate to have such pointed questions sprung upon them. Besides that, we live under a free flag.

Don't ask him to walk the floor with the baby half the night. A man who tramps industriously around a billiard table three nights in the week can't be expected to be on duty at home the other three nights. Have mercy on him and give the man an opportunity to recuperate.

Don't leave hair in the comb or your neck curls where they will stick to his hair brush.

Don't mend his hosiery with cotton having knots in it larger than a pea.

Don't scold him because he leaves ashes in his pipe. One of the privileges of a married man is to leave an old pipe full of ashes in just the position to empty the contents on the window sill or the mantelpiece the moment it is touched.

Don't indulge in flights of temper when your husband suggests how his mother did. *If he objects to having eggs boiled in the* tea kettle, and prefers them washed previous to cooking, endeavor to please him by indulging him in his fancies. In the meantime bring your sons up as carefully as you can, and when they are married, you yourself will doubtless be held up as an example of virtue, and revenge is sweet.

Don't be too prodigal in the use of kindling wood. There is no fruit of his toil that man guards as jealously as he does his kindling wood. He would 'fain put it where thieves break not through and steal. So, just because you have free access to it, don't burn up enough to last a week in one day.

### Rays of Sunshine.

[New York Sun.]

THE SECRET OF SUCCESS

Small Boy—A cent's worth of peanuts, aunty.

Aunty—Arrah! be off wid ye. D'ye think it's meself that would be afther sellin' a cent's worth of peanuts?

Small Boy (around the corner)—Gimme a cent's worth of peanuts, Garibaldi.

Garibaldi—Si signor, vera gooda peanut, fresha roasta.

A LITTLE MISUNDERSTANDING

Angry Purchaser—You told me the horse wasn't balky.

Seller—No I didn't.

Angry Purchaser—You *certainly did*. You said that when it came to pulling that horse was there every time.

Seller—Yes, that's what I said. He's there, but the trouble is he stays. I used to build a bonfire under him.

AN UNFORESEEN ACCIDENT

"Yes," sighed a recent widow, "we are very unfortunate. Poor John was out of *work for a long time* and when he obtained a good job he died."

"What job did he get?" she was asked.

"He joined a circus and got $20 a week for putting his head in the lion's mouth twice a day. That's all he had to do. It seems hard he should have died."

"What did he die of?"

"The lion bit his head off."

THINKS WELL OF THE COUNTRY

"*Shine 'em uppa*," said an *Italian* bootblack to Pat just landed.

"What's the charge?" asked Pat.

"Five centa."

"Begorra," said Pat as he seated himself in the chair, "it is a foine counthry, Amerikky where a poor Oirishman can get his *boots blacked* by a gintlemon wid goold rings in his ears."

### Saved from the Ice Man.

[Boston Commercial Bulletin.]

Long and wearily had his anxious wife waited, when at last the husband entered, and, with his frame convulsed with anguish threw himself into a chair, and, burying his face in his hands, groaned: "We are ruined, to morrow's sun will see the proud name of Jenkins among *the list of bankrupts*."

Then out spoke the noble wife: "Say not so my dear *Peter, all is not lost*. We have gone without ice for the last three months, and here is the money you gave me for the *ice man*," and she placed $50 000 on the table.

The worn, weary face of the husband lighted up with joy as he exclaimed: "Maria, you are a daisy; if we had gone without gas for the same time I would have retired from business."

### A Man's Way.

[Chicago Ledger.]

A man falls in love the same as a mule goes down with a *sinking bridge*—simply because he can't help it, but it seldom does him any permanent injury. The shape of a nose, the sweep of an eye or the wave of a curl trips him up and settles his hash without an instant of warning and there he is, the bluest *kind of a captive, until marriage* or some new fascination breaks the charm that binds him. He is pretty sure to love like a burning brush heap while he is about it, but the trouble is, his flame is too ardent to be durable. He will swear to a blue eyed sprite that he loves her for all eternity, and within three months he will slide up to some other houri, in total forgetfulness that he ever lost a wink of sleep by being in love before.

# FARM AND GARDEN

### The Croakers

They are at it already. The departing footsteps of the late cold snap had not even ceased to be heard when a howl is from the croakers that the peach buds were killed, the winter wheat frozen and the beef cattle on the western plains dead with the cold.

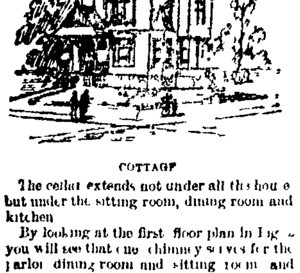
Don't you believe them. This country is so big and so fertile that farm[illegible] will never want. No cold however polar, no heat however torrid, no drouth however arid, no rain however so long continued was ever yet powerful enough to cause a famine in America, hardly even a noticeable scarcity.

Remember that and shame the croakers. Last year was the poorest wheat year known in this generation. The crops seemed to fail generally, yet behold there is still enough for us all and surplus enough to keep the staple down to lower prices than those like who have it to sell.

Crops can't fail all over this country.

### A Modern Farm House

It is claimed that the pretty house in the picture can be built for $2,000. Perhaps it can, but it will be well to make a careful estimate before beginning. Even if it costs $2,500, however, the plan is an excellent one and that is not an exorbitant sum to pay for a comfortable and handsome home for life.



COTTAGE

The cellar extends not under all the house but under the sitting room, dining room and kitchen.

By looking at the first floor plan in Fig. 2 you will see that one chimney serves for the parlor, dining room and sitting room and the rooms above these. Fireplace in parlor. Also one flight of stairs answers the purpose. The stairway passes up from the front hall in the usual manner to a landing. Another staircase starts in the dining room and leads up to this same landing. A door cut through the wall gives admission. Thence one flight leads both passageways to the next floor.

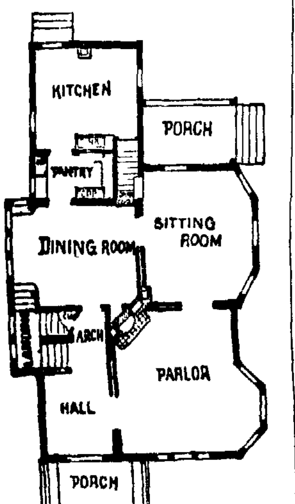
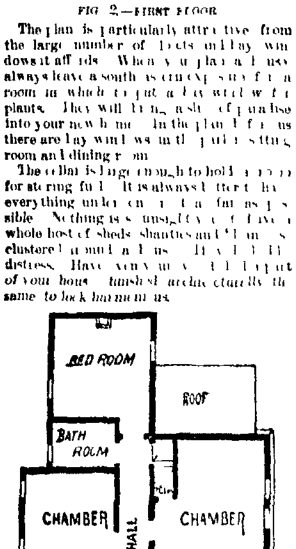


FIG. 2.—FIRST FLOOR.

The plan is particularly attractive from the large number of [illegible] and bay windows it affords. When you plan a house always leave a south [illegible] exposure for a room in which to put a bay window for plants. They will bring a bit of paradise into your new home. In the plan before us there are bay windows in the parlor, sitting room and dining room.

The cellar is large enough to hold a room for storing fuel. It is always better to have everything under one roof as far as possible. Nothing is so unsightly as to have a whole host of sheds, shanties and [illegible] clustered around a house. [illegible] distress. Have every [illegible] part of your house finished architecturally the same, to look harmonious.



[illegible] SECOND FLOOR.

On the [illegible] throughout [illegible] that the [illegible] together [illegible] quite [illegible] curtains [illegible] artistic.

There [illegible] kitchen [illegible] In the sitting room [illegible] ately every [illegible]. These [illegible] is ample [illegible] rooms [illegible] here [illegible] but [illegible] The parlor [illegible] 13x15, dining [illegible] 16x13.

This is one of the best [illegible] plans we have seen. The architect is [illegible] Grand Rapids, Mich. [illegible] should have the [illegible] very [illegible] for themselves and their family. If they can in the right way they can afford it. We hope some of our friends will try the [illegible] plan.

### Crops of the Year 1885

[United States Agricultural Report.]

Notwithstanding the fears of many in the early months of the year the season has been a full average of productiveness. It is the first in five years past to give an average yield of corn after a previous period of six years of twenty-six bushels or more per acre. [illegible] present rate exceeds the average about half [illegible].

Oats, allied to corn in its uses and governing [illegible] the supply of maize [illegible] in the season [illegible] condition showing the largest area and greatest volume of production ever recorded.

Barley is a medium crop and buckwheat above the average.

Wheat has suffered worse from winter killing than in any former experience of crop reporting in this department. The winter of 1884-5 was only less severe and that of 1883-4 was nearly as bad. On the basis of the area seeded the yield was only 9.2 bushels; on the area harvested, deducting abandoned and replanted areas which were larger than ever before, the yield averages 10.4 per acre. The loss was not material in the northern belt. Michigan, the highest latitude in which winter wheat is grown, suffered less than usual and made a large crop, one of the best recorded. The surface was well covered with a blanket of snow until into April. There was some protection in northern Ohio and a comparatively good crop on a limited area. The loss in New York was also slight and not very severe in Pennsylvania, with some exceptional areas of greater damage. The central belt between thirty-six and forty degrees of latitude received the full effect of the winter's severity. The south is usually exempt from injury by winter freezing, but not entirely the past season. The signs of injury in spring were visible even in the extreme south.

Cotton promised a large crop on an increased acreage and has made nearly a medium one in aggregate volume, exceeded by the crop of 1882 and approached somewhat nearly only by that of 1880.

Other crops have enjoyed conditions favoring medium abundance, with some exceptions, notably the potato crop, which was injured severely by rot in the latter part of the season.

Altogether production has been abundant, more than ample for domestic consumption in everything except the products which are always insufficient, as sugar, barley, rice and sub-tropical fruits.

### Keeping Farm Accounts.

If Dr. and Cr. troubles bother you on a cash account or all accounts, head the cash "Moneys Paid Out" and the other "Moneys Taken In." Saturday night transcribe all the week's items in the cash book to the proper accounts in what [illegible] ledger. This will be a long thick but narrow book, as you will find it easier to have the two sides of accounts on opposite pages. Double entry bookkeeping will prove too hard. In the ledger you will want to keep a number of accounts, but the two of the most importance are to be headed "Farm" and "Family." Let farm account be first of all and thirty or forty pages further along begin family account. On the farm account credit the farm with everything it brings in; on the opposite page debit it with everything paid out for it.

This account will have many items not on the cash account—such as labor in the field, repairs to machinery, implements, fences, buildings, etc., credits of poultry, eggs, butter, etc., exchanged for groceries, of wheat exchanged for flour, of produce consumed by the family, etc.

### Flowers that Bloom in the Winter.

[New York Sun.]

The season has but little to do with the menu for a New Year's feast, as all the luxuries of summer can now be had, and at a moderate price. For flower decoration apple and cherry blossoms are easily to be had. Cherry stems loaded with flowers are produced by cutting the branch and placing them in bottles of water for a few weeks. The market for fancy vegetables [illegible] at $1 a half peck, tomatoes at $1 a quart, asparagus at [illegible] a bunch, egg plant at 50 cents each, cucumbers at 40 cents each, rhubarb 10 cents a bunch, lettuce [illegible] cents a head, radishes 8 cents a bunch, mushrooms $1 a pound and string beans $1 a half peck. Of fruit we have Black Hamburg grapes at $3 [illegible] pound, hothouse peaches $[illegible] each and oranges of all varieties and as high as $1 a dozen.

### Scratches and Grease Heel.

Scratches, grease heel and all similar complications come directly from not taking proper care of the horses' feet and limbs. Farmers most especially are allowed to stand too long at a time with the mud and [illegible] clinging to them. This, though, is no more prevalent than allowing horses to stand in [illegible] stables where the manure is perhaps not thrown out more than once a week. The ammonia arising from the fermenting manure is not only injurious to the general health of the animals, but it is one of the most prolific causes of grease heel, cracked quarters, etc. The stall should be cleaned at least night and morning, and the horses should not be allowed to stand in their dirt after being used any longer than necessary for the mud and sweat to dry.

### Fill Your Ice House

If this severe weather is good for nothing else it will enable you to fill your ice house with solid crystal clear ice. It will be worth its weight in gold for the butter and milk next summer. We have given plans and directions heretofore for building an ice house. We have only to say now, fill it full and pack it as full as it will hold. Then you will have plenty, whether [illegible] strawberry [illegible] keep [illegible] packing [illegible] does not keep well [illegible] things you will need to pack in.

### Keeping Straw

[Rural New Yorker.]

We are always [illegible] to be the best to put straw in rick [illegible] feeding [illegible] [illegible] even.

### Things to Do and to Know

It is [illegible] of a Montana [illegible].

What [illegible].

Sixteen [illegible].

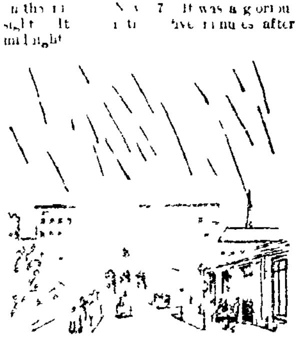
Alfalfa [illegible].

The New York [illegible] cabbage [illegible] most [illegible] they can eat.

# SCIENCE AND PROGRESS

### A Fall of Meteors

Some [illegible] no doubt that comets [illegible] the fragments continue [illegible] the same track that the [illegible] left for them, only scattered [illegible] a trail of shooting stars [illegible] miles long. The earth [illegible] the orbit of this [illegible] and every [illegible] through such a [illegible] with a [illegible]. Then they ex[illegible] the earth with great force. [illegible] shooting stars [illegible] Stockholm, Sweden [illegible] Nov. 27. It was a glorious sight. It [illegible] five minutes after midnight.



SHOWER OF METEORS AT STOCKHOLM.

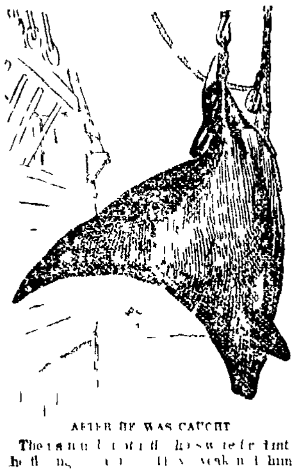
It was the [illegible] brilliant since the memorable [illegible] of 1833 [illegible] was witnessed by the [illegible] men of science who were [illegible] the heavens at that hour, but the people generally were peacefully slumbering [illegible] and missed the great sight. [illegible] calculations made by Dr. W. M[illegible] came to the conclusion that on that night the earth passed through the tail of [illegible]. The sight was witnessed [illegible] Sweden and Germany and [illegible] comment upon by the [illegible] journals, but it was most brilliant at Stockholm.

### Capture of a Two Ton Devil Fish.

On [illegible] the officers of the United States [illegible] Iroquois noticed [illegible] patches dotting the surface of the Bay of [illegible] Peru. The Indians [illegible] the patches were specimens of the devil fish. The natives [illegible] for this creature [illegible] to the family that capsizes boats and [illegible].

It is to be remarked here that there are different kinds of the monster. Some have [illegible] other appear to have [illegible]. The ones seen in the Bay [illegible] the shape of a triangle. [illegible] names for them such as devil fish and skate.

The ships [illegible] to have some sport. They [illegible] small boat and started in pursuit of one of the largest fish. A harpoon [illegible] square in his back [illegible] water with all [illegible] pulling the little boat after him through the water at a tremendous rate. He [illegible] away with it when a [illegible] was sent to [illegible] the little boat pulled [illegible]. The large [illegible] was made fast. All the men [illegible] back on their oars with the [illegible] without seeming to lessen the monster's strength in the least.



AFTER HE WAS CAUGHT.

The [illegible] ship [illegible].

The [illegible] painful [illegible] back [illegible] mast. They [illegible] two [illegible] devil [illegible] feet [illegible] feet [illegible] its [illegible].

[illegible] H. Merriwether [illegible].

[illegible]

On th[illegible] [illegible] study of [illegible] follow [illegible] for a part of [illegible] experiments which no man would venture to perform. It owes a debt to anthropology [illegible] natural sciences, to culture and history. It takes a broad point of view, having already adopted the methods suggested by comparative biology and the evolutionary movement. The field is already so broad that specialists are necessary, although the [illegible] development is not fifty years old. M. [illegible] has given expression to a conviction which is now everywhere current, and which seems destined to play an important role in the science of the future in this country as well as elsewhere.

### Chinook Winds

This name has been given to a peculiarly grateful wind which sweeps our northwestern plains from the base of the Rocky mountains eastward. It is described with thrilling effect in various novels. It is a dry wind, warm in winter, melting snow rapidly and thus often saving lives of men and cattle. In summer it is cooler than the heated atmosphere, which makes it equally agreeable.

The "Chinook" appears at irregular intervals. Mr. G. M. Dawson, who is familiar with it, writes:

Winter winds of this character occur over a tract of country stretching at least as far north as the Peace river (north latitude 56 degrees) and at least as far south as northern Montana—a distance of about 600 miles. In the corresponding portion of its length the Cordillera belt is comparatively strict and narrow, the western edge of the plains being separated from the ocean by about 400 miles only of mountainous country. In this circumstance, taken in connection with the moisture-laden character of the air along the northern part of the west coast, we find a clew to the correct explanation of the remarkable characteristics of the so-called Chinook wind. It is in effect, I conceive, precisely similar to that of the foehn of the Alps, and is due to the great amount of heat rendered latent when moisture is evaporated [illegible] air expanded in volume, but which becomes again sensible on condensation of moisture or compression of the air.

### Facts of Interest.

Cure for obesity: Don't eat so much.

Codfish eggs must float, or they will not hatch properly.

Recent observations indicate that the moon has an atmosphere.

Brown-eyed women have better chances of marrying than blue-eyed ones.

South Bend, Ind., has an electric street railway run by a cable overhead.

A flea one sixteenth of an inch long can jump twenty inches, 320 times its length.

The Missouri Cremation society has 400 members, twenty-five of whom are women.

Obstructions are removed from the pneumatic tubes in Paris by firing a pistol through them.

About 5,500,000,000 oysters are obtained annually in North America, more than twice as many as in Europe. But the yield per acre is here falling off rapidly.

A man has invented an arrangement for setting clocks and winding them pneumatically. It is adapted to street and tower clocks. An air blast is the agency used.

The telegraph system of the British islands, under control of the postoffice, now amounts to 156,000 miles, and employs 17,000 instruments. The standard rate is twelve words for a sixpence, address included. Press messages alone now average 1,000,000 words a day.

# THE FASHIONS

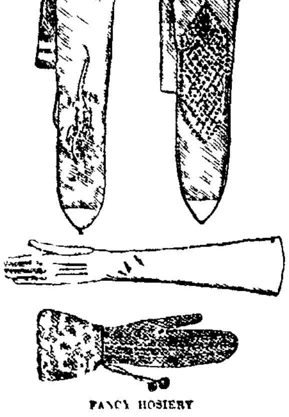
### Linen or Lace?

Transparent laces are the best setting for faded, elderly faces, while young fresh complexions look best in the severe linen bands that are fashionable for collars. Cuffs are again universally worn, or at least some finish of white at the wrists is necessary for a neat appearance, and jewelers have new cuff pins for fastening the cuff in the sleeves properly.

### Gloves and Stockings.

In ladies hosiery are some of the most bizarre styles ever seen. A stocking in colors arranged somewhat like a crazy quilt, white, red and brown, is no uncommon thing. These fortunately, however, do not often get much nearer a lady's foot than the show windows.

Slippers and low shoes are much worn with house and party costumes. The shoes, often the stockings, match the costume in color.



FANCY HOSIERY.

Silk stockings elaborately embroidered upon the front and slightly up the ankle are worn with these costumes. Many are beaded with dusky [illegible] beads and with other colors. The stocking on the left is of this kind. The beading sometimes is done in very queer shapes. Small animals, birds and reptiles appear upon the front of hosiery meant to wear with slippers. The illustration shows a favorite pattern, a lizard. Ladies with skillful fingers can do this beading for themselves very handsomely and vary the pattern. Slippers are beaded too and trimmed with beaded bows the color of the shoe.

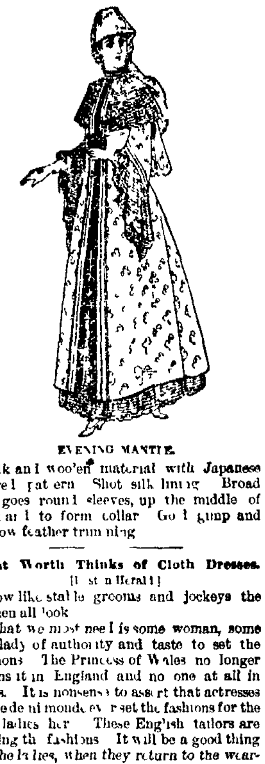
But after all nine times out of a hundred one will wear neat, plain dark hosiery of [illegible] plum, seal brown and navy blue. Black stockings do not seem to be quite as popular as they were. [illegible] well for the [illegible] stained the feet abominably and made the prettiest of feet look like a black cat's paw. It is likely that [illegible] will be very fashionable again [illegible], however, with the half [illegible].

[illegible] gloves are heavily stitched and [illegible] on the back this winter. [illegible] which gives a [illegible] mousquetaire style are [illegible] stitched with brown [illegible] upon the back. The illustration shows one of these upon the top. They are suitable for day and evening wear. Light gloves are now permitted for balls and very dressy evening occasions. They are very pale gray and lavender or [illegible] color and even white. This shade are for gentlemen as well as ladies. Like all the gloves for men they have the braiding upon the back. It is now the proper thing for men to wear gloves again, which [illegible] pleasant to record.

Below is a picture of a hand covering which is seen in out-door New York rather more often than any other. It is a mitten, just that and nothing else. It is a silk mitten though, which brings it into the realm of artistic [illegible]. It is a pretty crocheted or knitted article with ornamental back and cuff. It is made of double knitting silk, and is really quite warm. These mittens are for sale in furnishing stores. But any woman who knows how to knit or crochet can make a pair for herself or her friends. This will be really useful fancy work as well as pretty. The color is black usually, although seal brown and other very dark hues are seen.

### Evening Wrap.

The illustration shows a stylish outdoor covering [illegible] over a party or opera dress.



EVENING MANTLE.

Silk and woolen material with Japanese figured pattern. Shot silk lining. Broad lace goes round sleeves, up the middle of back and to form collar. Gold gimp and narrow feather trimming.

### What Worth Thinks of Cloth Dresses.

[Boston Herald.]

How like stable grooms and jockeys the women all look!

What we most need is some woman, some real lady of authority and taste to set the fashions. The Princess of Wales no longer [illegible] it in England and no one at all in Paris. It is nonsense to assert that actresses or the demi monde ever set the fashions for the real ladies here. These English tailors are ruining the fashions. It will be a good thing for the ladies, when they return to the wearing of women's dresses, not male ones. Wear cloths out of doors if you like, but get rid of the kind of costumes worn in the stables.

Thank goodness there is a conviction in London and Paris that these stable styles of the tailors are about run out. If they could only be kept for youthful women it might not matter much, but for women of forty years and upward the cloth-made suits are bad. Tailor made suits are very well for traveling, but not for home wear.

There are no new fashions to talk of for spring. Stay a moment—it is certain that light colors, not dark blues and browns, but light spring colors, are coming soon. The Lyons silk makers are weaving such. There is nothing whatever being made to remind you of ulsters or stable garments. The faille Francais goes out surest, its place being taken by the loveliest silk stuff you ever saw. It has no name as yet. I would call it "Boston faille" in compliment to your people, but that might vex those in New York. I have just finished a brown velvet dress for a lady of that city on which I have placed twenty thousand francs worth of furs. I furnish everything, and it will be worth nearly $5,000 when finished. As to shapes, it is rather too early to speak, but the idea is to make wifty and bright things such as could be worn in Baltimore on the warmest days. For my part I shall be glad when we get back to the time of loose bodices. Horsehair paddings were not used when a woman could breathe in full dress. I have brought in teels again. They make a good adjustment. Of course there are many Paris ladies who do dress well at home and who wear pretty [illegible] pretty slippers, and all that. This is because they sensibly change their costumes when they come from the street, their carriage or the park.

I have the veritable gown worn by a grand lady of the court of Louis XV in my office, which I have often shown to visitors. That was a period of gorgeous dresses, wide skirts and hoops. Then came the Louis XVI period, when more simplicity was shown. With the Directory first appeared these stable dresses, then the empire and spangles. Things were plain during Louis Philippe's reign. Some styles of his epoch are seen nowadays with a certain class of old ladies. With the second empire we come back to the gorgeous period. Yes, things were gorgeous during the second empire. There were fashions then. It is a great mistake, however, to suppose that the Empress Eugenie set the fashion. Often would I create something entirely original, rich and handsome, and when I took it to her at the Tuilleries she would say: "Ah, M. Worth, it is very beautiful, but I cannot accept it. I must not set the fashions, or people would say I was giddy, frivolous and thoughtless. Get some lady of the court to wear it, or have some one wear it at the next ball. Then I will order a copy, but I must not set the fashions."

I cannot say much favorable to business. Just now the Spanish court and ladies are in mourning. Very few German ladies come any more to Paris for dresses. Fewer American than usual are here, and the English and French women are wearing out their stable clothes. WORTH.

### FASHIONLETS.

Dull red is the fashion.

Small [illegible] will be again worn in the spring.

[illegible] call an [illegible] overcoat a topcoat because [illegible] English.

Gray and garnet is a favorite Parisian combination.

Young girls should never wear trained or [illegible].

[illegible] satin trimmed with swans[illegible] [illegible] is the proper thing for babies' capes.

[illegible] but on the [illegible] sizes do not appear [illegible].

[illegible] pattern in jewelry is very popular. [illegible] quite as fashionable as ever.

[illegible] fasten at the [illegible] handkerchiefs worn [illegible].

[illegible] growing in favor [illegible] less cumbersome than woolen and less troublesome than kid.

# BOYS AND GIRLS

### A Baby Queen

[Harper's Young People.]

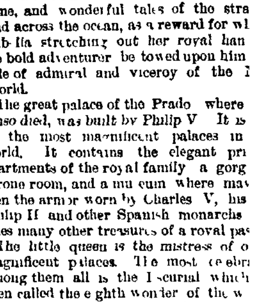
On Nov. 25, 1885, the great royal pa the Prado in Madrid, the capital of Sp was a scene of mourning. Ea[illegible] morning of that day Alfonso XII, k Spain died.

Although ten years have passed since Spaniards acknowledged Alfonso [illegible] ruler he was still a very young man only 28 years old when he died, leaving throne and crown to his oldest daug sweet child of five years, who frolics in nursery and plays with dolls like other little girls, but who, for all that, is Maria las Mercedes Isabella Theresa Christina phonsina Hyacintha, princess of Astu and queen of Spain.

The baby Queen Mercedes, the nam which she is known, was born Sept. 11, 1 Her child life has been very happy. Sh a baby sister, the Infanta Maria Ther born in 1882, and the queenmother Ch tina, is the most loving and devoted of rents, caring nothing for the regal pomp display by which she is surrounded never so happy as when fondling and ca ing her children.

Surrounded by rivals and a restless, fi people, the lot of the baby queen of Sp is not one to be envied. Far better to any one of our bright eyed little read with a kingdom of loving hearts, t to stand in the place of this tiny qu But little Mercedes knows noth as yet, of the trouble and sorrow which future may hold for her. Until her ed tion is completed, and she is old enoug understand her position, her mother queen regent, will assume all her daugh royal responsibilities and duties. The Qu Christina was, before her marriage w Alfonso, an Austrian princess living studious retirement in the ancient cit Prague. She is said to be a woman of fi ness and wisdom, one who will keep hearts of the Spanish people faithful to young daughter, if such a thing is possib

And while the young Castilian mai dances through the sunny days of her conscious childhood, the world looks at and remembers all the strange events conn ed with the great throne of Spain, which now fallen into her baby hands. From throne upon which at that time sat Ferdin and Isabella, Columbus went forth in to discover an unknown country beyond western sea, and to the same throne he turned, a year later, with golden troph dark skinned natives clad in fantastic tume, and wonderful tales of the stra land across the ocean, as a reward for wh Isabella stretching out her royal han the bold adventurer bestowed upon him title of admiral and viceroy of the World.



MERCEDES, THE CHILD QUEEN OF SPAI

The great palace of the Prado, where fonso died, was built by Philip V. It is of the most magnificent palaces in world. It contains the elegant pri apartments of the royal family, a gorg throne room, and a museum where may seen the armor worn by Charles V, his Philip II and other Spanish monarchs sides many other treasures of a royal pa

The little queen is the mistress of o magnificent palaces. The most celebr among them all is the Escurial, which been called the eighth wonder of the w This great palace, which stands upon twenty miles from Madrid, was built Philip II and in a small chamber of t building this wretched king died.

Under the high altar of the chapel of Escurial is the great royal vault where dead kings and queens of Spain lie b Charles V, Philip II and other dead are here. And here too [illegible] few weeks ago, was carried the b of Alfonso. It was laid [illegible] by th of his first Queen Mercedes, a fair Sp maid who died after a short married lif six months, and in whose memory the b queen received her name.

Maria de las Mercedes is a beautiful for a queen. Its true signification is Our L of Mercies. Let us hope that God will both life and crown to the young queen that she will prove a true lady of mercy to long suffering Spain.

### Unrequited Love; or, the Tale of a Fro Heart

The whole night long a dear snow man
Gazed lovingly upon
The snow girl that he loved the best
Until the night was gone.

THE SNOW MAN AND MAIDEN.

And all night long that maiden turned
Her eyes the other way
And this she steadfastly would do
Until the break of day.

### Four Bedquilts

Four bedquilts are ready to fold and spre
On Mother Earth's old trundle bed.
The first a brown and white [illegible] thing,
She puts on in the early spring.
The summer one is green and bright
With daisies nodding left and right.
And then when winds begin to blow
She spreads a red quilt on, you know.
She sews it through with yellow thread,
It makes an autumn leaf bedspread.
And by and by all in a night,
She spreads her quilt of snows white.

### Tangle.

Make each group of letters in the following lines spell a word. The whole is a sta of poetry.

[illegible]
[illegible]

The penalty for selling a cigarett boy or girl under sixteen years of ag New Hampshire has been made $20 for e offense.

# LOCAL NEWS.

## FROM LAST SATURDAY'S DAILY.

—[illegible] the late C F Seffner was [illegible] yesterday

—[illegible] at the city hall last [illegible] enjoyable affair [illegible] excellent

—[illegible] is said to have been [illegible] the polo team and rink [illegible] This is better

[illegible] whose life was dis[illegible] part of this week, [illegible] continues to im[illegible]

—[illegible] has secured the services [illegible] assistant She arrived [illegible] and weighs eight [illegible]

—[illegible] final account of S I [illegible] of the estate of [illegible] was filed in the Probate [illegible]

—[illegible] Campbell and son left yes[illegible] New York City to be at the [illegible] Mrs Campbell's mother, who [illegible] ill

—[illegible] lazy man walked rapidly [illegible] last night It isn't pleas[illegible] around when mercury is [illegible] below zero

—[illegible] Swamp ditch matter [illegible] to the 4th of February, [illegible] be heard again A claim [illegible] has been filed

—[illegible], a native of Germany [illegible] his intention of becoming an American citizen and took out his first [illegible] papers yesterday

—The first business in the Probate Court this morning was a marriage license issued to Edson B Gillett, of Delaware and Miss Callie Jones, of this county

—Only $1 50 for the Weekly STAR one year and a Coupon good for ONE DOLLAR in trade goes with it The best paper in the County thus costs but 50 CENTS per year Try it

—The teachers of the Marion Union Schools met in social last evening at the home of the Misses Richmond [illegible] west South street These meetings are spoken of as very enjoyable, socially and intellectually

—Only ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS for the Weekly STAR one year, and a Coupon good for ONE DOLLAR in trade goes with it The best paper in the County thus costs but FIFTY CENTS per year Try it

—A little eleven year old daughter of Mr and Mrs Sam Selby died at her parents home yesterday, after a siege [illegible] fever Funeral will take place [illegible] afternoon at two o clock at the residence of the parents

Mr [illegible] Buennoke conveyed Mrs Mollie Hindle to the Insane Asylum at Columbus this morning It might be stated that Marion has orders to provide a place for the four patients she has yet and above her quota

—A pleasant but unusual feature in church attendance was noticed last night when Mr F H B Beale, leading a procession of eighteen railroad employes filed into the Presbyterian Church Mr Beale makes a fine looking captain, and his popularity makes him very influential in a good cause

—*The posters are out for an English* [illegible] at Wheeler's opera house, Toledo, Ohio for February 8th 9th and 10th, at which time the Bennett English Opera [illegible] *will present the celebrated 'La Sonnambula,'* in which will appear Mr [illegible] Morowski and Mr Chas Thompson, both of New York each of whom [illegible] *reputation world wide In it* Miss Neva I Johnston of our own town takes the leading part of "Amina," an orphan, the adopted daughter of Teressa This will be Miss Johnston's first appearance in opera, and Marion ought to give her a goodly number [illegible] see her Yet all who know her know she never fails in anything she undertakes Let a good crowd go and see Miss Neva in her debut in opera as she is sure to become famous, and then you will be pleased that you witnessed her first appearance

## Farmers' Institute.

Following is the programme of the third annual meeting of the Marion County Farmers Institute to be held in Music Hall, this city, on Wednesday and Thursday Feb 3d and 4th 1886

WEDNESDAY 10 O CLOCK A M

MUSIC

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| [illegible] | Rev W F Thomas |
| Opening Address | D H Clifton |
| [illegible] with Spring Fruits | |
| [illegible] Illustration | Geo S P Furst |

QUESTION BOX

AFTERNOON 1 30 O CLOCK

MUSIC

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|---|---|
| [illegible] Helps and Farmers [illegible] | I N Bonham |
| [illegible] Association | |

QUESTION BOX

EVENING 7 O CLOCK

MUSIC

| | |
|---|---|
| [illegible] Wife | Wm H Eskins |
| [illegible] | Hurst |

THURSDAY 10 O CLOCK A M

MUSIC

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| [illegible] and the Farm | Prest W H Scott |
| [illegible] | Bonham |

AFTERNOON 1 30 O CLOCK

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| [illegible] | |
| [illegible] | Judge J B Gutherson |
| [illegible] of Farmers | Hurst |

QUESTION BOX

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

EVENING 7 O CLOCK

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| [illegible] | [illegible] Monnett |
| [illegible] | [illegible] Bonham |

D H CLIFTON, Pres

G E LAWRENCE, Sec

## An Arm Broken.

Yesterday afternoon a team of horses run away with a sixteen-year old son of John Terrell, of North Marion, throwing the driver out of the wagon and under the wheels He suffered severe bruises by the wheel passing over his shoulder, and had the radius bone of the left arm broken Surgical aid was promptly summoned, the fracture reduced and the boy is now doing as nicely as could be expected

## Richwood.

The publication of an item in a previous letter connecting several young men of our village with a riot at one of our saloons seems to have been based on false information of other parties connected with it They are entitled to this explanation, as it proves that they had no connection with it whatever

Comrade Reed, surgeon of the G A R post at this place, has been trying his medical skill by dosing one of his swine with quinine, as prescribed by the regulations Alex recovered, but the hog died.

Richwood's valiant(?) marshal has been paying some attention to your correspondent through the STAR. He will be disappointed if he is not noticed in return We have the gun and the ammunition on hand, but the character of the game will not justify expense We tried fighting a skunk once and our experience is valuable.

A series of religious meetings at the M P Church, under the management of Rev Kingsley, is now progressing with evidence of good being done in and out of the church

Sam Stratton's white barber shop has been handsomely adorned with numerous works of art, some of them by the hand of the proprietor.

Railroad or no railroad is the theme of conversation in all public places We are in the front and intend to win

Constable Huggert's chase to overtake a non resident defendant in an attachment attracted considerable attention on south Main street, Thursday evening

The cry of the auctioneer is heard now and then Merchants are determined to sell goods at some price

The pluck of the Speaker of the State Senate elicits approval. Bob is a colt not to be ridden bare-back.

## Agosta.

Our village is all upside down

Steel & Kline are about to disolve partnership in the stave business. Sheriff Beckley shut up the factory last week Mr Carpenter, of Mansfield, did the business, and it is a bad arrangement for our village The boys are down in the mouth this morning

Our protracted meeting closed Sunday with a fair success

G W Miller, living three miles north of this place, had a leg broke this week, so it is reported

George Stout, living east of Marseilles, was instantly killed by turning a log on the carriage of a saw mill. He leaves a wife and three children

Tim Kelly's man was in our town collecting this week

H L Topp went to Rushsylvania today to sell cigars He makes a fine cigar

We had an *interesting lawsuit* yesterday Mrs Emma J Honaker had her *brother, Isaac Kersey, arrested for as*sault and battery He battered her up considerable and paid $7 00

The G A R *met in regular session,* and Jas Reading presented to the order a fine brood sow, which will be drawn for the on 3d of February, 1886, at 10 cents per draw This is a good chance for the lucky number to get a fine hog There is is a little too much red tape in our order to make recruiting very successful, but it was so in war times and will be so till the end of time

Jan 23 JUSTICE.

## FROM MONDAY'S DAILY

—W J Herbener was over from Caledonia today

—Dr Harding went to Painesville today on business

—Judge Norris came home from Bucyrus to spend Sunday

—P R Reed, of the North Lewisburg Free Press, Sundayed in the city

—Bee Line engineer Paul Quigley is again able to be about and has resumed his duties

—Rob t Watkins departed Sunday for Iowa on business for the Marion County Importing Co

—N Y, P and O engine 94 knocked out her left side cylinder head at Richwood, Tuesday

—Prospect Monitor Miss Nettie Redd, of Marion, is the guest of Miss Jennie Freeman

—Miss Cora Smith, of Kenton, while on her way to Martel, visited in the city for a short time today

—Geo W Farrow and Annie Hinklin were licensed to sail together on the matrimonial sea, Sunday

—The marriage license business, like the holiday trade, is not good now One or two a week is about the sum total

—Several of our neighboring towns are having balls for the sake of charity. Marion does not seem to be on the list

—Miss Nellie James left for her home in Springfield yesterday, after a three weeks' stay among friends in this city

The K of P s propose giving a banquet Friday night that will eclipse anything of the kind ever known in Marion

—Bucyrus Critic B Weinberger, formerly of Marion, is now located here as a partner in the notion store of J Herskowitz

—Conductor Joe Sipple came in from Chicago, Friday, with the elegant new train on the C. and A that has already been mentioned

—F B Prentice left this morning for Boston, where he and his family make their future home Mrs Prentice departed Saturday

—Akron can beat Marion on low prices A man in that place sold his wife for five cents No Marionites will sell at that price

—Miss Jennie Wallace has returned from Chicago, where she has been for the past month the guest of Mr and Mrs Chas Burkeholder

—Probate Judge Criswell received official notice of the discharge of Cora Wynn from the Insane Asylum, her recovery no longer being doubtful

—Mrs Chas Metzger and Miss Ida Wolfe, of Medina county, are visiting friends in Marion They are guests at at the home of the former s brother, U. F Seffner

—Conductor Murray Moore, of the C and A, will occupy the residence of B Tristram, on south Main street, after Mr Tristram moves into his new home on Center street this week

—*H D Morrill came in from his first* "drumming" trip since the holidays, on Saturday Harry says he was 'just around visiting his customers,' for there *is no trade worth mentioning*

—LaRue News Wink Harriman has sold his famous race horse, Worcester, to Newt Davis, of London, Ohio, for $1,000 Wink says that Worcester was undoubtedly the best horse he ever owned

—The new north and south road running from Columbus to Findlay is making good headway J M Brown, of Toledo, who is securing the right of way in the western part of this county, has his work almost completed

—The new Z, Mt V and M railroad seems to be more reasonable in its demands than the others that propose building if the benefitted communities are liberal enough Only $10,000 subscription was asked of Knox county

—Master Louis and Miss Ethel Reardon, who have been visiting their father, Wm Reardon, at Kenton, the past two days, while on their way to their home in Caledonia today, accompanied by Joe Blair, visited relatives here for a few hours

—The closeness of the times is seriously effecting several good citizens and business men in this county Sheriff Beckley has been compelled to perform the unpleasant duty of closing up four or five lately One in Green Camp and one in Big Island are the last reported

—A very heavy snow fell in and about Chicago on Wednesday of last week Thursday morning, from Hammond into the city, the passenger train on the Chicago and Atlantic road required the service of two engines to enable it to get in Other roads suffered also from the very heavy storm

—North Lewisburg Free Press Kelly Mount, who went South a little more than a year ago, and has been working at the printing business in New Orleans and other cities in Louisiana, has returned North, and was in town Thursday He don't speak in very glowing terms of the South and would prefer to be an inhabitant of the North

—Press When will it end? Here s Findlay's new gas well hurling 10 000 000 rocks the size of eggs to the top of its derrick No, that's hardly it, it flows 10,000,000 feet a day and the rocks at the top of the derrick can t climb down owing to the terrible pressure Biggest plate glass company of America has decided to change from Bellaire to Findlay

—The best houses of the week were present at Saturday matinee and the evening performances of Cora Van Tassel and company "Joshua Whitcomb" delighted the little folks in the afternoon and "The Little Detective" pleased the crowded house at night though the play is probably inferior to any other in Miss Van Tassel s repetoire The week s engagement pleased well and the plucky little star will draw well again when she comes

—Mansfield News That was a big price paid for a supper the other night by the president of an Upper Sandusky bank The supper was given by the Ladies' Relief Corps of the Grand Army Post The bank president ate his supper, and then handed to one of the ladies in attendance a bill in payment for the same A slip of paper was pinned to the bill, on which was written feed the hungry and clothe the naked, there is more when wanted where this comes from God bless the soldiers and their little ones It was a one thousand dollar bill

—One of the largest advertisers in London says We once hit upon a novel expedient for ascertaining over what area our advertisements were read We published a couple of half column 'ads,' in which we purposely misstated half a dozen historical facts In less than a week we received three or four hundred letters from all parts of the country from people wishing to know why on earth we kept such a consummate fool, who knew so little about English history. The letters kept pouring for three or four weeks It was one of the best paying 'ads' we ever printed But we will not repeat our experiment, because the one I refer to served its purpose Our letters came from school boys, girls, professors, clergymen' school teachers, and in two instances from eminent men who have a world wide reputation I was more impressed with the value of advertising from these two advertisments that I should have been by volumes of theories.

## Waldo School Report.

Below can be found the average grades for the pupils in the Waldo High School for the last month closing January 22d, 1886, in attendance, tardiness, deportment, orthography, reading, penmanship, arithmetic, grammar, geography, U S history, queries, music, drawing and composition, (of course all do not take the whole programme, but only a portion of it)

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| Ollie Selanders | 91 | Libbie Hull | 76 |
| Elmer Selanders. | 89 | Willie Kraner | 74 |
| Della French | 86 | Joseph McCluggage | 74 |
| Mattie Kenyon | 85 | Frank Crawford | 72 |
| Ella Gompf | 85 | Zannie Gillet | 65 |
| Maggie Strine | 84 | Dillie Straub | 61 |
| Flora Gompf | 82 | John Shroats | 58 |
| Eddie Gabler | 80 | | |

The Primary department, which is under the control of Wesley Miller, is doing much better, in comparison, than the above W. A. SAGER, Supt

## Real Estate Transfers.

A great many real estate trensfers have been made in the last week, but most of them were of only tax consideration, so we only publish those of interest that have been made since our last report

E Longacre to Wm L and J B. Guthery, 236½ acres in Big Island tp, $11,800

James King heirs to Taylor W Clark, 7¾ acres in Big Island tp, $232 50.

Same to Daniel S Milsor, same amount in same tp, same

G T Harding to Lenox Reber, 129 acres in Marion tp, $6000

James Culbertson to Mary Dwyer, ¾ acre in Marion corp, $425

W C Denning to Elizabeth Leonhart, lot 358 in Marion, $335

O J Hedges to M I Hough, 1½ acre in Prospect tp, $900

## FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY.

—Postmaster Tristram moved into his new home on east Center street today.

—H C Sharpless left for Cleveland today to spend a few days with his many friends there

—Lew Parsons, of Plain City, is the guest of his father-in-law, L P. Follett, on north East street

—Dawson Diegle is very ill with inflammation of the brain and has been for the past two weeks

—Fredonia, the officials' car on the C and A, was in the city last evening. Sup't Tinney and others came with it.

—Ed Powers returned from Anderson, Ind, last night where he had been manipulating the telegraph keys as substitute

—A. Mayer, father of our popular grocer, returned to his home in Cardington yesterday after spending a week in Marion

—The Galion electric light is at a standstill, owing to the inability of the company to secure power to run the machinery

—George D Copeland has been confined to the house for the past week with sickness He was up town today for the first

—E Mayer has been walking on crutches the past week, on account of a severely sprained ankle he received in jumping out of his delivery wagon

—W H Disney, of Mt Vernon, was in the city a short time today, while on his way to LaRue, where he will spend a few days visiting at his old home

—Decatur (Ind) Journal A railroad man in this city reports that W C Shrader, a popular C & A conductor, will lead a charming young widow to the altar in the near future

—Galion claims to have discovered a 10 ft vein of good burning coal, and when some happy neighbors talk about gas Galion holds up her head and says, 'I don t care, we ve got coal at our house'

—D B Krause is figuring on building a business room on the corner of Main and Farming streets He does not know whether he will occupy it himself or not, but, should he desire to rent it, he has an applicant already

—The church now advertises by hand bills as well as places of amusement and we rather like the idea Today we were handed a bill announcing union services at the U B Church this afternoon and revival services at the M E, Baptist, and Presbyterian Churches tonight

—The representatives of the Pennsylvania, the Baltimore and Ohio, the Lake Shore, the Lake Erie, the New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio and the Tuscarawas Valley railroads, who have just completed a two days' session in Pittsburgh have decided to cut off all passes to freight shippers except those coming with cattle

—S P Jackson died at his home on South street last night at nine o'clock Pete, as he is better known, has been an invalid for almost a year past suffering most of that time with lung fever He was one of the most prosperous colored residents of Marion, and was well known here. His funeral [illegible] morrow at two o'clock, a[illegible] Church.

—Who is Sim K Donavin? [illegible] asked. Sim is the father of the Fo[illegible] see jubilee singers, not literally the father, but the originator He has them on the road now, working the church racket Then, he was editor of the Columbus Times, and it fizzled under his management Now he has a hotel named after him at Delaware He made his great reputation, however, writing open letters to Payne killer

—"Why mother, baby has a soft spot on top of it's head" "Yes, my son all babies have, you had when you were quite small," replied the mother "And did papa?" asked the boy "Yes my dear, and he has it yet," enjoined the maternal parent, loud enough for the father, in an adjoining room to hear "You bet he has," yelled the old man, "or he'd be a single man to day" Score one for the old gent, and when you hear of your friends having soft spots, mark it down that they haven't been in to see Tristram & Young's 49 and 99 cent counter or the immense bargains they are offering

## They Say:

That the STAR looks much better

That a couple local investigations are going on

That merchants are enjoying as good trade as they expected for this time of the year

That the days are getting longer and gas bills should shorten

That a prominent young professional man is about to marry.

That the Mirror will come out enlarged tomorrow, in the shape of a six column quarto.

That police business is dull since the "Bag of Tricks' has been emptied into the Cleveland work house

## Jurors.

The following is the list of jurors for the February term of court, 1886, to appear February 23d, 10 a m

GRAND JURY

L Fite, 1st Ward
Robert Clark, Marion Tp.
Gustav Hayde, Richmond
Wilson Peters, 4th Ward
Chas Quigley, Montgomery, W P
Samuel Bricker, Green Camp
John Sappington, Big Island
Frank Swisher, Tully
R G DeLong, Salt Rock
E M Risor, Bowling Green
James H Berry, Pleasant
T J. McMurray, 4th Ward
Geo Wolford, Green Camp
W P. Ward, Prospect
Horace N. Cookston, Big Island

PETIT JURY

Jacob Crock, Tully
I. A. Merchant, Clardon
Isaac C Dickson, Tully
Gottlieb Keller, Green Camp
Lucas Klingle, Waldo
G J King, Salt Rock
U F Randall, Prospect
G. W Williams, Clardon
Fred Heinlich, Richland
J. S Brownlee, Tully
S L Rayl, 3d Ward
Samuel Hill, Scott
C H Gooding, Pleasant
R W Clayton, Bowling Green
Amos Gray, Grand
John W Malone, Grand Prairie
B F Bair, 3d Ward
*Jas H Gray, 2d Ward*

## Bohemian Oats.

There is much sympathy wasted on many of our worthy granger friends who are swindled by the Bohemian oats dodge The truth is, many of them assist in the swindle in the hope that they may profit by it, although they are wide awake to the fact that some of their neighbors must "pay the fiddler" Several farmers in Crawford county made quite a neat speculation by an investment in oats several years ago and did it undoubtedly that others might be induced to invest Those who invested later did not do so in entire ignorance of the nature of the "scheme —they simply hoped that the bubble would not burst until after they had realized the immense profits the swindler promised

## Green Camp.

Rev. Sutton preached to a large audience at the F B Church last evening, Seven accessions to the church have been made during the protracted meeting Mrs Alice Johnson who is acting as organist for the church was made the recipient of $10 in money, which had been made by subscription

Some twenty or thirty of Prospect's skaters made our town a visit Sunday forenoon

B F Moore & Bros grocery was broken into Sunday evening but it is thought they were scared away, as nothing was disturbed

Three young fellows were arrested by Constable R M Waller and brought up before Justice Davis for disturbing religious services at the Mt Olive church on Sunday evening They were fined from $1 to $10

A S Somerlot was home from Columbus a couple of days last week

A P Doren, the LaRue saloonkeeper, was in town a day or two ago

Moore Bros are talking of starting a huckster wagon next spring

Miss Carrie Hyatt gave a spelling contest at the Oak Hill school house last Thursday evening A pleasant time was had F W Stoll took the cake'

One of J B Travis' little boys had the misfortune to fall and dislocate his arm at the shoulder one day last week

Miss Lillie Bowers is on the sick list

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## LaRue

LaRue is to be seen [illegible] guess However, I have not been [illegible] in town for eight weeks I am comfortable about the house, but the attack from which I have suffered has greatly increased the catarrhal disease from which I have suffered for more than twenty years I have no important business out too attend to now and have within, and prudence suggests that I had better attend to that, so that when out door affairs require my attention I may be able to respond If I can winter over and come to May in tolerable good shape I may be able to give attention to the business that will require my attention after that I am not giving my attention to the railroad excitement, railroads are not built with gas

Nothing strange has happened here lately

A new bakery has been established in our village

No additional saloons have come up We need a few more, however The class that patronize them are short of change and the business is a little dull

The Methodists are having quarterly meeting

Health is generally good I understand, or at least I have not heard of the hearse going out often and this is good evidence

I had a very fat pen hog and it died one night last week It would have weighed 400 pounds dressed I intended to have had it butchered this week died in time to save its life No insurance

I had ten cords of sugar stove wood cut and put into the wood house last week I keep things in shape if I am inside

I am told business is dull I know there is a great demand for money Quite an amount could be loaned to responsible men, but before two years passes a good many will learn by experience to keep out of debt if they would prosper Many went in debt when the markets were good and prices good, and now will have to pay when markets are dull and prices low The interest they pay and the low prices they will have to sell at will break up many and embarras a great many more I submit these ideas and call attention to them Cleveland's administration is not doing what it promised to when the cry for a change was sung from the stand all over the country

W J Campbell has gone to New York, where his grandfather, an old gentleman is very sick His mother, of Marion, went with him

I have been trying to collect interest and settle up a part of my affairs Have collected thirty dollars in a month's effort

I understand that S T Virden intends returning to the farm in the spring A good place to be during hard times less style will do there

Euchre parties are in style of late I learn and not so much skating as we had last winter Persons are not so likely to fall down in the euchre game

Who wants to buy some Bohemian oats?

I think this is all C

## The Buffalo in Colorado.

The buffalo which has long been known as the noblest animal native to this region, has become almost extinct, having been hunted to death and is now found mostly in portions of Montana and Dakota It is a mild, shy animal its characteristics being similar to those of domestic cattle The male is a proud, strong minded animal, and is famous for its magnificent proportions and stately air Buffalo can run no faster than horses, and are thus easily overtaken and captured Hunters spring upon them from behind bluffs they become startled, and rush headlong in the greatest confusion by reason of which they always take the wrong course, and are almost invariably captured

They are so scarce now that their heads are very valuable Six years ago these heads sold for $5, now they sell for from $75 to $150 They are considered invaluable in a matter of collections none however small being considered complete without them Last year an Englishman who was visiting Colorado paid the exorbitant price of $250 for a pair of heads which he bought here and considered the finest he had ever seen

The buffalo in the mountains are much darker than those on the plains They are of a rich brown color the shades in their fur varying from the darkest to the palest brown Between these shades there are many lovely golden hues of a deep color, which are never so well seen as when the skins are spread out before an open blazing fire The reflection of the firelight brings out the varying shades as nothing else will and makes them a subject of universal comment among lovers of the beautiful —Denver Tribune Republican

## Testing the Quality of Leather

M Eitner proposes this simple method for testing the quality of the leather used for belting A small piece is cut out of the belt and placed in vinegar If the leather has been perfectly tanned, and is therefore of good quality it will remain immersed in the vinegar even for several months without any other change that becoming a little darker in color If, on the contrary, it is not well impregnated with tannin the fibres will promptly swell and after a short time become converted into a gelatinous mass —Revue Industrielle

## A Reason for Partnership Dissolution

A notice of dissolution of partnership lately published in a Minnesota paper, stated that the dissolution was by mutual consent and added that the reason therefor was that one of the partners was "too lazy to continue the business'

## THE LIME KILN CLUB

### Portraits of a Visiting Delegation and Brother Whalebone Howker

[Detroit Free Press.]

During the past week a visiting delegation from Mantua, Ohio, consisting of the Hon Coley Strawder, Hon Carl Henderson and Deacon Fletcher, has been visiting the Lime Kiln Club. The object was to secure pointers for the benefit of the colored society in Mantua known as the Solemn Band of Gideon. The delegation had never tackled a town of over 1,000 inhabitants before, and were rather off color in Detroit

THE VISITING DELEGATION

The Hon. Strawder for instance insisted on walking in the middle of the road and in using lard and lampblack on his boots. The Hon Henderson lost his wallet containing $10 while buying peanuts on the market and had to raise his fare home by spouting his silver watch. Deacon Fletcher mailed two letters in fire alarm boxes, followed a brass band a mile and a half in the mud and was foolish enough to mix up in a dog fight and get knocked down by the man who owned the second best canine

The delegates went away happy however and chock full of information for the benefit of their band. They were granted a charter to work to the thirty second degree and start out with sixty seven members every one of whom has a bald spot on top of his head and knows the difference between a spring chicken and a motherly hen

Pickles Smith offered a resolution to the effect that a committee be appointed to investigate and pronounce on the skull of Demosthenes now hanging on a nail in the museum and labeled. After using. He had heard serious doubts expressed as to whether the skull was genuine or one made to order in New York and would like the fact settled

Brudder Smith sot right down! exclaimed the president as he brought his gavel down with a bang. When we label and hang up a skull in dis museum we have gone too fur to back water. Dat am not only supposed to be de skull of Demosthenes, but it am 'spected dat every individual member of dis club am ready to take off his coat to support de supposishun! When you start out to make a museum de first great step am nebber to doubt your own labels'

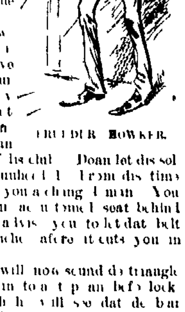
The case of Whalebone Howker was then called up by Sir Isaac Walpole. Several weeks since Brother Howker signed a paper recommending a certain brand of stove blacking and sold the maker the right to use his picture on the package. This is in violation of by law No 17, and Howker was suspended for six months and fined $000. Sir Isaac desired to appeal in his behalf. The suspended brother lived next door to him and the way he took on o' nights kept his neighbors awake. He had lost flesh at the rate of a pound a day, and his family were greatly concerned for his health. The fine hung over him like a ten ton grindstone and his suspension seemed more than he could bear

'What am Brudder Howker jist now?' asked the president

'In de anty room sah'

'You kin bring him in'

Brother Howker was brought in. He had tightened up his belt to the last notch so as to appear fearfully emaciated, and walked with a step which seemed to prove that this world had no further charms for him. He also managed to get off three or four groans which seemed to come from down among the shoe pegs.



BRUDDER HOWKER.

Brudder Howker, said the president, friends have interceded in your behalf and I have decided to remit your fine and reinstate you as an active member of dis club. Doan let dis sollum warning be unheeded. From dis time out I want to see you a changed man. You kin now take your accustomed seat behind de stove, an I advise you to let dat belt out about two inches afore it cuts you in two

Samuel Shin will now sound de triangle to bring dis meetin to a close, an befo lockin [illegible] will see dat de bar traps am properly set to catch any vile pusson who may try to enter de hall by [illegible]

### Good for the Grandchildren

Laura played with Clara, to her little friend: Aunt Sophie gave me such a beautiful doll for a birthday present. Ah, you still play with dolls. I don't. I'm too big now. And what have you done with yours? I have locked it in the cupboard. It will do for my children. But suppose you have no children? Then it will go to my grandchildren

### Where Mosquitoes are Not Troublesome

[illegible]

[illegible] how does your mattress [illegible] mosquitoes [illegible] this

Well [illegible] at night Mrs [illegible] for the skeeters [illegible]

### Hope the Blizzard Straightened It Out

[illegible]

### The Young Idea

Mamma: Do you know the ten commandments my dear?

[illegible] Yes mamma

'Well repeat them

'I can't mamma. I don't know them by heart. I only know them when I see them'

### Even St Peter Acknowledges It.

[Newark Press]

As Peter sat at heaven's gate
A maiden sought permission,
And begged of him if not too late,
To give her free admission

What claim hast thou to enter here!"
He cried, with earnest mien.
Please sir' said she twixt hope and fear,
I'm only just sixteen

'Enough!' the hoary guardian said
And the gate wide open threw
That is the age when every maid
Is girl and angel too'

### His Honor Does, Though, Sometimes.

[San Francisco Wasp.]

Against all law and evidence
The prisoner was acquitted.
The judge exclaimed Is common sense
To jurors not permitted?

The prisoner's counsel rose and bowed
Your honor why this fury?
By law the judge is not allowed
To sit upon the jury

### Joe Blackburn Wasted No Opportunity.

[Chicago News]

A funny anecdote connected with the Hon Joe Blackburn's first race for congress was told to me the other day. Joe happened to be passing through Owenton, the county seat of Owen county on the occasion of the hanging of a noted criminal. As a hanging is a rather exceptional episode in the state of Kentucky, the honorable Joe concluded he would stop over a few hours and witness the event. The gallows was erected in the public square so that no citizen however humble should lose the opportunity of witnessing the unusual spectacle. It was in fact, a gala day, such as the history of Owenton has seldom recorded. The sheriff, with true Kentucky hospitality invited Blackburn as one of the distinguished guests present, to occupy a seat on the gallows. Blackburn did so. After the preliminaries had been arranged the sheriff consulted his watch and discovered that it was not quite 12 o'clock the hour fixed for the execution. Turning to the prisoner, he said

'You have ten minutes yet to live. Is there anything you desire to say in the meantime?'

The prisoner sullenly replied there was not

At this instant Blackburn sprang from his seat, and advancing to the edge of the scaffold, said

"If the gentleman will allow me his remaining ten minutes I will be glad to announce myself a candidate for your suffrages. If elected to congress—'

At this point the prisoner interjected Say you! Is your name Joe Blackburn?'

'Yes, sir," responded Blackburn, politely

Turning to the sheriff, the prisoner said: We won't stand on a few minutes more or less when the alternative is presented of death on one hand, or listening to one of Joe Blackburn's long-winded speeches on the other. Flip the trap and let me go"

### A Club Man's Soliloquy on the Sidewalk.

[The Judge]

"I guess I mus left th' fron' door open when I came up. It feels very chilly

### A Point of Law.

[Life]

'The jury wishes to be informed on a point of law, your honor" said the court officer

'Let them be shown into the court," replied the judge.

We wish to know,' explained the foreman 'if a jug of whisky in the jury room, if paid for by ourselves, would be contrary to law your honor?

'Certainly,' thundered the judge, "I thought the information you wanted was in regard to the case'

We haven't got to the case yet,' said the foreman and then they filed out.

### His Greatest Effort Prevented.

[The Judge]

Hobson: Your husband's death made a very profound impression on me, my dear Mrs Rusk. I loved John and I think John loved me. The world has lost a good man, and the ministry a bright light.

Mrs Rusk: Oh it does seem so hard to bear and then you know John was preparing for the greatest effort of his life

Hobson—We cannot explain these things Mrs Rusk, but we must admit that a wise providence governs it all

### Their Meeting

[St James Gazette]

I met the girl of the
And gently took her ☞
I thought I'd pop the ?
But I didn't have the $&

### Brevities

Burlington Free Press: If Dakota can't get into the Union she proposes to send her weather in anyway

Burlington Free Press: Woman is not much of a philosopher but she is proverbially a clothes observer

Paris News: They are going down to dinner. He: May I sit on your right hand? She—Oh! thank you, you had better take a chair. He did

Somerville Journal: There is joy ahead for buttonless and dilapidated bachelors in Pennsylvania. Nineteen thousand girls are learning sewing in the Philadelphia public schools

French Joke: Lawyer—How far is the avenue from your house? How long would it take you to walk the distance?

Witness—Oh that would depend upon whether I was going there or coming home

Norristown Herald: Next Easter falls on the latest date on which it possibly can occur: April 25. This gives the spring bonnet an extra week or two to ripen but it will drive many women of at least one remove during April

Arkansaw Traveler: The nerves which convey pain are rather slow in their power to convey information. Stick a pin in the tail of an elephant and quite a perceptible interval occurs before the noble animal gives his opinion of the man or boy at the end of the nervous system on trial

St Paul Pioneer Press: Some time ago a little 3-year-old playing in the yard came into the house and said to his mother "Mother I saw nothing with a tail to it." His mother being unable to understand him followed the child into the yard where the little fellow pointed to a snake which was gliding away through the grass.

## A TALE OF THE FAMINE.

The potato famine in Ireland was nowhere felt more severely than in the part of the country where the following story is told—a true tale

In a small village in one of the most barren districts of the west of Ireland there lived a very poor widow whose sole inheritance from her husband was two healthy children girls, of the respective ages of 3 and 5. Painfully, and by the utmost efforts she contrived to pass two years of her sorrowful widowhood. Bad and scanty food obtained only by labor too great for her delicate frame had at last thrown her upon her sick bed, and death in pity removed her in a few days, and without great suffering, from all her earthly troubles

The poverty of the parish was so great that nothing could be done for the poor orphans. All the neighbors, with the utmost desire to help were too famine stricken and heard their own children too often cry in vain for bread to assist others

If the children could only be got to Kilburn a village some miles distant, said one of the neighbors after the poor mother had been buried a brother of their father lives there, and he could not possibly refuse to take care of them"

But matters are as bad there as here', replied another and I fear they will be no better off there

"It can not possibly be worse than here for nothing but starvation stares them in the face. If we send them to their relations we have done our duty. We can not possibly keep them here'

All were at last agreed upon this and as there was a carrier who on the next day was going near to Kilburn, he was requested, as an act of charity, to take the children with him. The man readily consented and the neighbors felt satisfied that they had done all that could be required of them

The carrier as agreed came the next day and took the two girls—Lizzie was 7 now and Mary 5—in his cart with him. The timid children kept very quiet and close together the carrier hardly looked at them. Toward noon they reached the spot where the cart would turn off. The man lifted them out showed them a road to the left and bade them go straight forward, and if they did not turn from the high road they would, in about two hours come to the place. He then drove off. The children sobbed out 'Good bye" and looked out after him as long as they could see the last speck of the cart, and then they both began to cry

Lizzie ceased her crying first, she took hold of her little sister's hand, who had seated herself on the ground, and said "Get up, Mary we must not stay here if we wish to get to Kilburn. We can not stop here on the road"

'I am so hungry' sobbed Mary we have had nothing to eat all day'

And again they began to cry for Lizzie was equally hungry. The poor children had gone to bed without food the night before, it was a long time since they had had a full meal the neighbors where they had stayed since the death of their mother had not given them any breakfast as the poor people really themselves had nothing to eat. It was now dinner time but there was no dinner for them

"Come Mary' at last said Lizzie "we must try to get to some house we may perhaps get a little bread or a few potatoes. If we stay here we shall starve no one will bring us anything to eat here"

"Oh! if our dear mother were but alive" exclaimed the little one, getting up with difficulty

The children were very weak and could only drag themselves slowly along. Hand in hand they tottered on. Several times Mary declared that she could not go any further and sat down on the high road and it was with the greatest difficulty that Lizzie persuaded her to get up again and to pursue their way. At last Lizzie fancied she saw a house and pointed toward the spot

Now Mary we shall soon get something to eat we shall find kind people there"

It took them more than a quarter of an hour before they reached the farm house for such it proved to be. With hesitating steps they approached the house for they had never begged before in spite of their former misery. But at this moment they could think of nothing else but their terrible hunger. When a few steps from the house they heard the farmer violently scolding one of his men. Then he went into the house fiercely closed the door after him so as to make the windows rattle continuing his abuse all the time. The children terrified and with beating hearts stood still at the door until the voice ceased. Then Lizzie opened the door and both the children entered. The farmer sat in the arm-chair by the fire

Well what do you want? he harshly asked the children who were too frightened to utter a word and to tell their errand. 'Can't you speak?' he asked still more roughly

Lizzie at last took courage and said gently

Oh if you would be so good and give us the least little bit to eat—a small piece of bread or a few potatoes

I thought so' shouted the farmer. I was sure you were nothing but beggars although you do not seem to belong to this neighborhood. We have plenty of those here and I do not want them to come from other parts. We have not bread for ourselves in these hard times. You will get nothing here. Be off this moment

The children dreadfully frightened began both to cry bitterly

That will not do you any good continued the man that kind of whining is nothing new to me and won't move me. Let your parents feed you but they no doubt prefer idling rather than getting their living by honest labor

Our parents are dead said Lizzie

I thought so replied the farmer "whenever children are sent out to beg their father and mother are always dead or at least their father. That is a mere excuse for begging. Be off this minute

We have not eaten a morsel the whole day pleaded Lizzie "we are so tired that we can not move a step. If you would but give us the least little bit to eat we are so hungry"

I have told you I should not. Begging gets nothing here'

The farmer got up with a threatening look. Lizzie quickly opened the door and drew her sister along with her. The children again stood in the farmyard but knew not what to do. Suddenly little Mary drew her hand from her sister's clasp and went to the other side of the yard there was a big fierce dog chained his dinner stood before him in a wooden basin. Mary put her hand into the basin and began to eat with the dog. Lizzie went nearer and saw that in the basin there was some liquor in which a few pieces of bread and some boiled potatoes were floating she could not resist she had but one feeling—that of the most gnawing hunger she took some of the bread and potatoes and ate them greedily

The dog not accustomed to such guests looked at the children full of astonishment he drew back a little then sat down and left them his dinner of which he had eaten very little. At this moment the farmer stepped into the yard he wished to see whether the children had really left and then he saw this singular scene. The dog was noted for his fierceness and feared alike by old and young he was obliged to be constantly chained. No one dared to come near him except his master. Even the servant put the food before him in the most cautious manner

In the first moment the man thought of nothing but the fearful danger in which the children were and walking quickly toward them he exclaimed

Don't you see the dog. He will tear you to pieces. But suddenly he stopped as if rooted to the ground the dog had got up again and gone near the children, then he look up at his master and wagged his tail. It seemed as if he wished to say, Don't drive my guests away

At that sight a great change came over the man the spectacle before him acted upon him like an electric shock and feelings such as he had never had before seemed to stir within him

The children had arisen terrified at the call of the man fearful of punishment for having eaten against his command. They stood with downcast eyes. At last after several minutes silence the farmer asked

Are you really so fearfully hungry that you do not even despise the dog's food

But without waiting for an answer he continued

Come in, then you shall have something to eat and as much as you like

And taking them by the hand he led them into the house, calling out to the servant

Biddy get some hot bread and milk and be quick, for these children

The dog had shamed his master—the brute taught the man. Touched by what he had seen the farmer was anxious to make amends for what his conscience showed him to be a great sin. He seated the children at the table sat down by them and kindly asked them their names

My name is Lizzie said the eldest 'and my sister is called Mary

Have your parents been dead long?"

'Our father has been dead two years but our mother only died last week

At the thought of their recent loss both children began again to weep

Don't cry children said the farmer kindly 'God will in one way or another take care of you. But tell me now where do you come from?

From Loughrea replied the child

"From Loughrea asked the man from Loughrea? That is strange. He began to suspect the truth and asked hesitatingly

What is your father's name?

Martin Sullivan replied Lizzie

What—Martin—Martin Sullivan he claimed jumping up at the same time and casting a piercing look at children thoroughly frightened them. His face grew red—then tears came to his eyes—at last he sobbed aloud. He took the youngest child in his arms pressed her to his heart and kissed her. The child struggled and called for help to her sister she could not think what the man meant

Then he put down the little one and did the same to Lizzie who took it more quietly as she had seen that the man had not hurt her sister. At last he become more composed he dried his tears and said

Do you know my name children?

'No replied Lizzie

"How happened it then that you have come to me he asked. Has any one sent you to me?

Nobody has sent us' replied Lizzie. We were to go to Kilburn where a brother of our father lives and they say he would gladly receive us. But I do not believe it for our mother always said that he was a hard hearted man who does not care for his relations

Your mother was quite right when she said so said the farmer. But what will you do if the hard hearted man does not receive you?

Then we shall have to starve answered Lizzie

No no exclaimed the man quickly that shall never come to that—never. Dry your tears. The merciful God has had pity on your helplessness and has made use of a fierce brute to soften the heart of your uncle and therefore he will never forsake you—never

The children looked at the man in utter bewilderment they did not understand what he said—his works and behavior were alike strange to them. This he soon perceived for he added

You were going to Kilburn to Patrick Sullivan you are already there. I am your uncle and now that I know that you are the children of my brother Martin I make you welcome

The childrens tears quickly changed into smiles and the meal which Biddy had just put on the table for them made them forget their grief

Patrick Sullivan had taken this farm near Kilburn about a year before. And thus Providence had directed the children's steps to him. But if the dog had not taught him a lesson in kindness what might after all have become of the poor orphans? But He who is the father of the fatherless will assuredly not have forsaken them. Hugh Sanders in New York News

### Literary Men and Their Names

There is an increasing disposition among literary men who have three names to drop the first especially when the second is a family name. When the first edition of Views Afoot was published the name of the author was given as James Bayard Taylor. The book was a decided success and the young author having poetical aspirations thought Bayard Taylor would be a better sounding name for a poet so he quietly dropped the name of James. His example was followed by Francis Bret Harte and William Wirt Sikes and more recently by James Appleton Morgan, James Maurice Thompson and James Brander Matthews etc.—San Francisco Chronicle

### After His Success and Death

Since the death of Hugh Conway his drawers have been ransacked for all kinds of rubbish which is now eagerly published. These things are generally effusions which were once refused by newspapers and magazines. Conway's life is said to have resembled that of the French novelist Georges Ohnet when successes came to him for then he like the French man was overwhelmed with envious letters belittling his work. Max O'Rell has lately been the recipient of letters of this kind. San Francisco Argonaut

The Bulgarian soldiers sing their national songs in unison only. The Russian war songs are sung in four parts and have a peculiar sweetness

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## THE VANDERBILT MAUSOLEUM.

### Rigidly Plain and Undecorated—The Architect's First Design

Vanderbilt mausoleum out at New Dorp Staten Island is one of the finest in the world but it is rigidly plain and undecorated. I went out to see it the other day. The papers here give no adequate idea of it at all

The architect Mr Hunt tells me that when Vanderbilt asked him to prepare the designs he laid himself out' He was pretty familiar with tomb architecture besides which he obtained plans of the most noted mausoleums in Europe, and, as Vanderbilt had told him he didn't care what it cost he drew elaborate designs for a magnificent structure, to cost $500 000 or $600 000. It was much decorated and highly ornate

When Mr Vanderbilt saw it he said "Why see here Hunt you have entirely misunderstood me. I wouldn't have any thing fancy like that for anything. We are plain quiet unostentatious folks and the tomb our bodies are to lie in must be the same. I told you I didn't care for price. I don't. I want it rich and solid, but no filigree work

Then the architect began again, and made a design far less pretentious and showy. But the mausoleum which is now half finished will be far the handsomest private tomb in America and will cost $200 000 or $300 000

Mr Vanderbilt meant to get the family mausoleum in the Moravian cemetery at New Dorp in which so many of his ancestors lie buried. But when he went to the trustees they asked him $20 000 for a plot of ground whereon to set it. Well mused William H considering that my father gave all the ground to the cemetery that seems to me a trifle cheeky!' He did not muse aloud but he went up on the hill back of the cemetery and bought fourteen acres—a much finer site. It was the architect's first plan to have an elaborate chapel built wholly above ground but its modification at Mr Vanderbilt's desire, resulted in a chapel of solid granite located on the side hill and overlooking the sea

Standing on the steps in front of the central doorway an extensive and lovely view is obtained. The little hamlet of New Dorp with its scattered farm houses lies at the foot of the knoll. Directly in front is the lower bay of New York and beyond the silver gray of the broad Atlantic. Down at the right is the blue slip of Sandy Hook at the left lies Coney Island. This mausoleum will be almost the first building seen by the Atlantic passenger coming to America. It is sixty feet by 100 and its style is Romanesque. The interior is divided into apartments deftly hewn from the richest stone—W A Croffut's Letter

### Culture of Lilacs in Midwinter

For a few years past superb boquets of white lilacs have been exhibited by Parisian florists for admiration in midwinter. It appears that the industry of forcing these plants is an extensive one in the suburbs of the French capital and it is one which requires great experience for its successful management. In one establishment the principal greenhouse where the lilacs are planted is about 160 feet in length 23 in width and 12 in height

The other greenhouses which are much smaller are sunk in the earth. A semi obscurity pervades all of them. Glazed sashes covered with thick lattice work constitute the roof. The soil is composed of ordinary earth without manure and the necessary temperature is secured by a system of hot water pipes. Lilacs sprout at a mean temperature of from 30 to 35 degrees centigrade. On New Years Day the consumption of lilac bouquets in Paris is enormous. Parisian gardeners furnishing about 12 000 of them. Lilacs are also sent to England Belgium and Russia in large quantities.—La Nature

### He Had His Doubts About Bob

[Syracuse Standard]

Up in Syracuse on Thursday Roscoe Conkling and Col Ingersoll took a walk during the court's recess. They intended to bring up at Louis Wintholz's for lunch, but missed the place, and strolling on in East Washington street they entered another restaurant, which is one of the cheapest of the cheap. It is so cheap in fact that Superintendent of the Poor White sends impecunious individuals to it for meals at the expense of the county. Just after Mr Conkling and Col Ingersoll had sat down and called for oysters Superintendent White walked in with the most woebegone and altogether wretched tramp that ever set foot in the city. The tramp took a seat at the next table to that used by the distinguished lawyers, and ate a plate of beans supplemented by a bowl of soup. He gleaned from their conversation who his neighbors were, and as they rose he turned and said

'Gentlemen, won't you join me in something?'

I'll join my friend in giving you a quarter said Ingersoll

Thanks, gentlemen thanks. Ah! When shall we three meet again? Senator Conkling and myself may possibly meet in heaven. But as for you, Mr Ingersoll ah!—who can tell?'

### Women as Horse Car Conductors.

Boston is likely to take the initiative in employing women as street car conductors. The Harvard Lampoon endeavors to portray the possible state of affairs in case such popular conductors were engaged on the street car line running from the college to the city. The above illustration gives a fair idea of what will happen and will answer for any locality where fair conductors are employed.

### No Wonder He Dares Favor Home Rule

[Chicago News]

Well I never knew that before' said Mrs Gummidge looking over the edge of her newspaper. What's that my dear asked Mr G. Why that Mr Parnell is a bachelor! 'Well you might have guessed it. He's in favor of home rule' Mrs Gummidge was silent a long long time wondering just what her husband meant. Meantime Mr Gummidge went and sat on the back doorstep like a prudent man.

### Weather Indications

[Norristown Herald]

A new poem in an exchange says: Winter now is here. When we find our hydrants frozen and the thermometer down to zero and a fantastic coating of ice an eighth of an inch thick on the office window panes we are constrained to admit that the poet is not far out of the way. Any one who mistakes this weather for August deserves to have his ears frozen six inches deep

### Behind That Mysterious Screen

[Exchange]

Customer: Can't you give me something to take the redness off my nose?

Druggist: Go in [illegible]. Back here is where we cut the redness on a man's nose.

# LOCAL NEWS.

### FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY

—Clate Welch was at his home in Logan county over Sunday.

—Sheriff Beckley is in Chicago taking in the sights. There are plenty of them there.

—Miss Lue Norton, who has been the guest of Miss Fribley for some time past, has returned to her home in Kenton.

—Father Shields fell on the icy pavement on Monday, causing a severe strain of the right wrist. Fortunately no bones were broken.

—A marriage license was issued Tuesday to Arthur E. Gast, of Prospect, and Annie F. Young of this city. The couple were married last evening at the home of Will Hubley.

—"Grandpa Johnston" sounds nice and it is just as nice as it sounds. A little baby girl born to Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Johnston, of Morral, yesterday, is why grandpa J. C. smiles.

—The first accounts of Albert Oborn, administrator of the estate of Wm. Oborn, and Minnie Leech, administratrix of the estate of W. C. Leech, were filed in the Probate Court yesterday.

—We were treated to some delightful music from Prospect by telephone last night about eight o'clock. Several pieces were played and sung and every word could be distinctly understood at this office.

—The Fourth Ward will be Republican sure now despite Steve Court's Democratic addition. A little Republican has arrived at the home of Will Orvis on east South street, and he is a fine one.

—Andrew Shields, our excellent townsman, left on Monday for St Paul, Min., to clerk in the office of the general agency of the North Western branch of the Etna Life Insurance Co. We regret losing a good citizen, but our loss is their gain.

—The man whose lame back prevents him from breaking up kindling wood or lighting the kitchen fire in the morning, is invariably the volunteer leader of an attack on a pile of cordwood in the endeavor to uncover and capture a frightened rabbit.

—Will M. Tracy, who has been in the employ of the proprietors of the Richwood Gazette for the past five months, while on his way to McComb, O., where he has accepted a position in a printing office, visited relatives in the city for a short time today.

—G. Montgomery Thomas left this morning for the East, ostensibly on a visit, but were the truth known we think that George has some kind of a "fence" down there that requires his attention. At least that is the way it looks to a man up in a tree-top. ⁂

—People who buy things should see that all labels are removed. A lady at Galion the other day created a great deal of amusement by parading the street two hours wearing a cloak on which was a card reading, "Former price, $20, marked down to $12, to close out.

—Miss Neva Johnston will take part in the grand concert given at Comstock's Opera House in Columbus next Tuesday evening. We notice Miss Neva is always in demand where there is fine music to be rendered, and she does herself great credit every time. We feel proud of her as a Marion lady.

—A newspaper is like a pretty woman in many respects. To be perfect, it must be the embodiment of many types. Its form is made up. It is always chased, although sometimes inclined to be giddy. It enjoys a good press, the more rapid the better. It has a weakness for gossip. Talks a good deal. Can stand some praise. Is awfully proud of a new dress.

—The gall of begging tramps seems no less than ever. A burly cuss called at the residence of Charley Wilson on east Center street yesterday and asked for a cup of coffee. Mrs Wilson kindly told him she had none warm, and he had the cheek to then ask her to make him some. She replied that she would not do that but would give him some bread and butter, imagine he had to retort, "Keep your bread—I've plenty of that and want something respectable." The door was shut in his face.

—Chas B Coffin, who was sent up to jail from Prospect Monday night for non payment of fine, was released by Probate Judge Criswell yesterday. It seems that Coffin had been taken before Justice Hull, of Prospect, on the charge of threatening violence, plead not guilty, and instead of binding him over to court the justice fined him $5 for drunkeness. His refusal to pay the fine brought him to jail. His friends procured a writ of Habeas Corpus, had a hearing in the Probate Court and secured the prisoner's discharge.

—A good story is told on one of the C. and A. brakemen as follows. He was at Cincinnati last week and attended one of Sam Jones' revival meetings. A minister walking through the audience and exhorting placed his hand on the brakeman's shoulder and exclaimed "Young man you are on the right road." Either wilfully or otherwise the reverend's remarks were misconstrued, and the Marion brakeman answered "Guess you're right boss, I'm breaking on the C. and A. and that's the dandy road in the state."

—Chicago Times, Tuesday. It is said that President Jewett, of the Chicago and Atlantic, is figuring with President Sloan, of the Lackawanna, for the establishment of another trunk line from New York to Chicago. To accomplish this it would be necessary to build about three hundred miles of new road from Marion, O., to a connection with the Lackawanna. It is further claimed that one of the moving spirits in the project is J. F. Joy, who wants an outlet for the Wabash from Toledo that could be worked and controlled in its interest. Some extensive paralleling would be necessary, but when completed it would be a formidable competitor to the present trunk lines.

### The Last Day.

Today was the last day allowed by Treasurer Dickson for the payment of December taxes. After this the auditor takes the books and adds the fifteen per cent. penalty.

Paying was quite brisk, a number who had held off until the eleventh hour coming in and getting their receipts.

### Badly Injured.

Uncle Joe Sharp, an old and retired farmer, residing in North Marion, out near the open woods, was the victim of a very serious accident yesterday. He and a hired hand were building a small corn crib on the premises and had built the two sides before raising. They were then lifted into position and the work of fastening them begun. By some slip on the part of the workman, the side Mr Sharp was holding fell over on him with a crash, dislocating his left hip and left elbow and cutting a deep, long gash in his arm.

Dr. McMurray was called and reduced the dislocations and made the patient as comfortable as circumstances would permit. Mr. Sharp is quite an old gentleman and the injuries will prove all the more serious and lasting for that reason.

### When.

When will girls stop chewing gum on the streets?

When will we get waterworks if contending factions never agree?

When will the Independent be issued without a local puff for Dr. Weeks?

When will the new school house in the Fourth Ward be begun?

When will one of the proposed new railroads be built?

When will G. Montgomery Thomas change his decision against the lean women?

When has there been as few divorce cases on the common pleas docket as now?

When will the republicans learn learn that the democratic senators will have their own way or won't play?

When will the game of hearts take the place of p. euchre in this place as it has in many others?

When will an entertainment come along that will suit everybody?

When will local ticket agents smoke the pipe of peace under the same tree and stop talking of cutting rates?

When will the first spring candidate begin shaking hands and handing out "Twofors?"

### A Few Bricks.

Delaware Herald

The Marion Mirror informs us that "James Redd has sold his team of mules," and that Jim retires from the proprietorship of "them mules" after a continuous service of twelve years. We read that announcement with mingled feelings of sadness and relief. Jim Redd and his mules have parted! We have for hours sat in a comfortable shade and watched Jim and his mules go up and down the streets of Marion, turning corners and performing all the manipulating gyrations that a team of mules with a faithful driver could perform. We have spent hours of precious time going from point to point to watch for Jim and his mules, and each and every time they hove in sight our disappointment was aggravated to see Jim in his accustomed seat and the mules moving along as gracefully as pet rabbits. For several years we have laid aside a first class obituary notice to be used at a moment's warning in anticipation of being called upon to announce that Jim Redd had been sent to kingdom come by them mules. All twelve years have come and gone, and Jim Redd of Marion, is the only living man who has made a record of driving a team of mules for so long a time without having the daylights knocked out of him. There is a sadness in the thought that Jim and his mules have parted, but it is relief to know that Jim still liveth.

### FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY

—E. E. Seffner placed himself on the sick list yesterday.

—Ice packing was resumed by John Diebold this morning.

—Jack Ryan was over from Caledonia a short time yesterday.

—Mrs Ed Dombaugh is among the sick, though she is not seriously so.

—Mrs Gurley, of Mt Gilead, is visiting her sister in this city, Mrs H B Whitby.

—Mrs Foster and a little son, residing on East street, have been sick for the past week.

—Mrs. J. J. Lane is numbered among those ill and is unable to do more than get around the house.

Miss Stella Bunker is unable to teach her school on account of sickness, and Miss Mame Moore is acting as her substitute.

—B. Hall is packing his household goods preparatory to shipping them to Ft Wayne, where his family will make their future home.

—Manager of the Western Union Telegraph office, at Cleveland, O. A. Gurley, is in the city, visiting with his brother, E. A. Gurley, and family.

—E. A. Gurley, day yard engineer of the N. Y., P. and O. here, is taking a lay off. A Mr Ross, of Galion, pulls the throttle in Eph's place.

—J. H. Weshburn, business manager of the "Parlor Match" Company, is in the city today. His company will appear at Music Hall, February 4.

—A good sized crowd saw the Carriage Works polo team down the Huber club at the rink Tuesday night. The game was a good one and was much enjoyed by the spectators.

—Only $1 50 for the Weekly STAR one year, and a Coupon good for ONE DOLLAR in trade goes with it. The best paper in the County thus costs but 50 CENTS per year. Try it.

—"Have you been down today?" This question so frequently asked today, meant "down on the sidewalk" to the joker, but we mean down to see Tristram & Young's 49 and 99 cent counters.

—The number of hotel arrivals seem large these days, and there are really a great many men on the road, but business is dull with them and they remain in a town but a very short period of time.

—The stolen ticket box belonging to the rink was found this morning up at Haberman's stone quarry. Everything of any worth and part of the tickets were missing, and the box battered until it is useless.

—Only ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS for the Weekly STAR one year, and a Coupon good for ONE DOLLAR in trade goes with it. The best paper in the County thus costs but FIFTY CENTS per year. Try it.

—The Mirror came out yesterday in a new style—enlarged and looking much improved as a six column quarto. The Mirror, when cut and pasted, will be of the same style as the Weekly STAR, and comes nearer being an equal to it than any other paper in Marion.

—It is said that arrangements have been made for R. Wissler to return to this place from Tiffin and organize a new band. The Citizens' Band has arranged for a new leader, and should he prove as capable as they expect there will probably be band rivalry in Marion this summer as there has in days gone by.

—A countryman drove up to the planing mill of J. E. Bryan and Prendergast Bros. yesterday in the rain, had the hands rip him out and dress some flooring, loaded the same into his wagon and drove away. He was an entire stranger so that no charge of the work can be made. Under the circumstances he might have said thanks.

—Mirror: Marshal Buenneke went to Hamilton on Wednesday of last week and arrested a man named Cooper, who worked on the court house here, on a charge of skipping out and leaving a board bill to the amount of $75. It seems that he had left a secured note for $125 as security for his board, and obtained the note to get it cashed, but failed to return. He was brought here and gave bail for his future appearance.

—Fred Isslieb, the popular barber, has a collection of birds in his shop that is worthy of mention. A recent addition of several fine and very rare imported canaries and finches makes the number of birds almost fifty, and everybody admires them. The birds keep up a continuous warbling and the man in the chair can no longer be quizzed and talked to by the barber, who always has more or less to say about everything.

—Revivalist Sam Jones has a number of followers in this city who meet daily to hear his sermons read at the office of H. H. Cunningham. Henry reads the plain striking truths of the remarkable preacher with an effective eloquence and such sinners as Mayor Gailey, Geo Christian, Wm Fies, Dave Kelly and a great many others are visibly affected. Those in the crowd of converts "who never raised a chicken until it was six months old" have sworn off stealing and swearing is abated.

—Dawson Diegle died at the home of his parents, on north West street, last night at seven o'clock. "Doss," as the boys knew him was engaged in business in Delaware prior to his fatal illness, though he has been failing for nearly a year past. At the age of twenty-four, he was just reaching the period in life where its real worth is most appreciated and his death is to be all the more regretted on that account. Always clever and genial he had a large circle of friends who deeply regret his untimely death. His funeral will occur at his parents' residence at 10 o'clock, Saturday.

### Attempted Rape.

Yesterday afternoon John England, of Owens, was arrested for an attempt to rape a young woman working at the hotel in that place.

The prisoner and over half the inhabitants of that place came up on the evening train last night to attend the preliminary hearing before 'Squire Payne.

We did not hear the testimony, but learn that the brute followed his intended victim to a room up stairs in the hotel, Saturday afternoon while she was at her work and then caught her and attempted to carry out his hellish designs. Her screams brought help and he was frightened away. The matter had been kept quiet up to last night in order that his arrest might be made.

'Squire Payne bound England over to court in the sum of $500 and being unable to give bail, he was committed to jail.

Travellers by Sea and Land

Change of air and travel produces constipation, followed by headache and a general disarrangement of the system. The nauseated stomach gags at a pill, while mixtures sweet or acid are revolting. Nothing of this kind is ever complained of in taking Simmons Liver Regulator—purely vegetable, pleasant to the taste, operation upon the liver being perfect at the same time so imperceptible that it interferes with neither business or pleasure.

### An Excursion Car Burned.

Under the above caption the El Paso (Texas) Evening Tribune gives particulars of the burning of an excursion car, on the morning of the 21st inst. The excursionists were on their way to Mexico, and from the particulars of the accident we glean the following concerning two Marion citizens.

"Mr James Coffy, of Marion, O., escaped through the window with a slight burn on the hand, and hung on to the outside until the train stopped. Mr F. Reber, of the same place, also escaped through the window, jumping off while the train was in motion. The smoke was too intense for escaping by the door. Both of these gentlemen lost their overcoats, boots, hats and satchels. Mr Reber received a slight bruise, and Mr Coffy blistered his hand where he grasped the curtain rail above the window. These were the only parties receiving personal injury, except that some of them took severe colds from exposure."

"Isn't that Mrs Holmes? I thought the doctors gave her up. She looks well now."

"She is well. After the doctors gave up her case she tried Dr. Pierce's 'Favorite Prescription' and began to get better right away. I heard her say not long ago, that she hadn't felt so well in twenty years. She does her own work and says that life seems like living at last. 'Why,' said she, 'I feel as if I had raised from the dead, almost.'" Thus do thousands attest the marvelous efficacy of this God-given remedy for female weakness, prolapsus, ulceration, leucorrhea, morning sickness, weakness of thee stomach, tendency to cancerous disease, nervous prostration, general debility and affections.

### Green Camp.

High court was in session yesterday at Green Camp, the Hon J. J. Davis presiding. His Highness gave Jacob Kleinfelter ten dollars and costs, and Wm Manley the same amount upon his finding them guilty, and to Joseph Mite one dollar and costs, upon his plea of guilty, all for disturbing religious services held at Mt Olive M. E. Church. Also to Lincoln Bond, pedigogue and pugilist, for exercising his pugilistic power on Jacob Kleinfelter and others, and disturbing the peace. In two charges His Highness assessed a sum total of sixteen dollars for the benefit of the public treasury. We believe all of the aforesaid transgressors of the law responded with the "paltry pelf," except Manley, who proposes to board with the jailor of Marion county. 'The way of the transgressor is hard," and may the lesson taught be of utility to him in the future. 'Bought wisdom profiteth much." The pedagogic Bond, howevever, had some little provocation to arouse his fighting propensities, as it is said that the aforesaid Jacob K., the subject of a black eye, had taken unto his care the said Bond's "sweet heart," for which act vengeance was sought. We venture the opinion that the lucre that Mr Bond paid over to His Highness for his folly will be a constant reminder of the maxim, 'There are just as good fish in the sea as ever came out,' and may he profit by the general interpretation made thereof.

The religious services being held here are growing in interest, and several have been constrained to identify themselves on the Lord's side, among whom are our gray haired sires, D. H. Stillsmith and Prof Poland. May the good work go on.

Business at Green Camp, as far as we may judge from appearances is as good or better than usual. When the residents of this place and vicinity learn that it is to the enhancement of their and the village's interest to do their business at home they will have learned a profitable lesson.

Free skating rink on Scioto.

OBSERVER.

THE BURDOCK PLANT is one of the best diuretics or kidney regulators in the vegetable world, and the compound known as Burdock Blood Bitters is unsurpassed in all diseases of the kidneys, and blood.

### FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY

L. H. Corabin, of Findlay, was in the city yesterday.

The Marion polo team expects to play in Shelby next week.

—Hayes Thompson, residing on west Center street, is very sick.

—Mrs Wm Boughton, of Mansfield, was in the city a short time today.

—Mrs Sam Bell has been down sick for the past week but is now convalescing.

—Mr Stoneburner's little girl, on north East street, is sick with lung trouble.

—Mrs Woodbridge, the well known temperance orator, is registered at Hotel Marion.

David Hupster, of Fowler, was in the city today attending to business matters.

Moore Bros opened out their new tobacco store in the old postoffice room yesterday.

—Henry Mumford's little son, Charlie, is sick with lung trouble, also Mrs Mumford.

—The C. and A. pay car was a welcome guest among the railroad boys Wednesday.

—General Manager F. Broughton, of the C. and A. was in the city today with his private car.

—Lester and Williams, of the "Parlor Match" Co., were here last season with the Patti Rosa Company.

—Jas. D. Wolfe, of Columbus, was in the city a short time today on business, returning home at 1 20.

—J. C. Field and Eva Mitchel and Wm J Shepherd and Elizabeth McLain were licensed to wed yesterday.

—Bucyrus is happy. A big revival and much good is the result. No one doubts but that Bucyrus needs it.

—Amos Taylor, the biggest man in Marion county, was in town today attending the Irvine ditch hearing.

—Miss Callie Zachman is very sick with erysipelas sore throat, at the home of her parents, on east South street.

—O. C. Brown, of Columbus, was in the city yesterday working in the interests of the Working Home for the Blind.

—The Columbus orchestra arrived from the Capital at noon today, and will be on hand at the K. of P. festivities tonight.

—See the Marion and Kenton polo teams play at the rink tomorrow night. Kenton is a good team and will make a lively game.

—C. D. Brumback, of Plymouth, O., is in the city to take charge of the Citizens Band if satisfactory arrangements can be made.

—Mt Victory Observer: Miss Flo Cunningham, who has been visiting in this place, returned to her home in Marion last Saturday.

—They are for water works built by the city at the clerk's office. Tackle Clerk Thomas and Deputy Young if the statement is discredited.

—Mother Bloxon, of Richland township, who has been ailing for the past four weeks with an attack of rheumatism, is now much better.

—Probate Judge Criswell and wife were at Mt. Gilead last night attending a banquet and anniversary meeting of the Odd Fellows Lodge in that place.

—Richwood Gazette: Wm Kinnamon and wife, of Marion county, were visiting at the home of their cousin, P. T. Lightner, the latter part of last week.

—The clock for the new court house was shipped yesterday. Clark Turney says the workmen will be here February 10 to put it in place and running order.

—Mt Vernon Republican: Messrs. R. O. Hopkins and P. L. Dombaugh, of Marion, were the guests of Mr John Denney, at the Hotel Rowley, from Saturday until Monday.

—Sheriff Beckley thinks his Chicago trip has developed something new in the Clark horse theft. The clue is only slight as yet, but may probably prove of considerable interest.

—"A Parlor Match" will be struck at the Music Hall, Thursday evening, Feb. 4th, 1886, by the Lester & Williams Company, including the very charming young soubrette, Miss Jennie Yeamans.

—"Gents," shouted a small boy as he poked his head into the door of a business room up town the other night, "did you mail that letter your wife gave you this morning?" And six men simultaneously and hurriedly left the room.

—A Chicago dispatch says: "It is reported that the Chicago and Atlantic and the Baltimore and Ohio are negotiating a deal whereby the latter will secure terminal facilities in Chicago over the former's tracks, and the Chicago and Atlantic will give the Baltimore and Ohio all its through business."

—The arrangement of the U. S. Express office has been changed and the quarters made considerably more convenient thereby. The counter and desk now face the entrance, and the first sight a person sees on entering is Dick Payne behind the desk ready to attend to the customers' demands with a promptness worthy of commendation.

—Mt Victory Observer: C. J. Nichols the dentist will make his regular professional visit here next Wednesday, Feb 3d. The doctor has made his regular professional visits to this place on the first Wednesday of each month for the past eleven years, and he refers with pride to the many persons that he has done dental work for in this town and surrounding vicinity.

—The Carriage Works polo team have concluded they can down any scrub team in town and issued a challenge to the Music Hall team. The scene shifters and curtain pullers accepted quicker than was expected and the great game will be played at the rink Saturday night. Some hustling may be expected, for the Music Hall club claims to be able to do what the Huber boys failed at.

—Elder Dowling returned from Cleveland last Tuesday, spent a short time with his family in this city, and went to spend the Lord's day in Urbana. He will return to Marion next Monday or Tuesday, and on Thursday evening, Feb 4, will begin a series of meetings in the Church of Christ, on north Main street, this city. F. M. Dowling, of Mt Healthy, O., will be present during a part of these meetings to assist his father. A cordial invitation to all.

—Mr. Chas Drew, the well known engraver at Clark Turney's, went down to Columbus yesterday and was married to one of the Capital City's most estimable young ladies. The happy couple came to Marion last evening and will make this their future home, Mr. Drew having rooms already furnished for housekeeping. Charley's many friends, of course, wish him great joy, but none so much as Mahlon Meily, his old friend, who has suggested the event for a long time with more certainty than the most careful weather prophet.

—All preparations have been completed for the third annual meeting of the Marion County Farmers' Institute, which is to be held on Wednesday and Thursday next, February 3d and 4th, at Music Hall, this city. Institutes held in various counties in this State the present month have been grand successes, and Marion county will not be behind them, as a growing interest is manifesting itself here. Hurst, Bonham and Scott will positively be in attendance. Their names and themes will bring out big crowds.

—The final hearing on the Irving ditch occurred at the Auditor's office today before the Marion and Wyandot county commissioners. There is talk of putting in three miles of thirty inch sewer as the land owners prefer this to having the big cut through their fields. This will be something in the ditch line that has not been done in Marion county heretofore, and is a big thing. Mr. James Anderson, of Columbus, was at the hearing, being assessed on the line. Mr. Anderson, by the way, was a Minister to Germany, appointed by Lincoln, remained there until the close of Johnston's term, came home and has voted the Democratic ticket ever since. He is well known to our people, being a former resident of Marion.

—We had the pleasure of calling on Oborn Bros yesterday at their manufactory on the Whetstone, in Richland township, this county. We found the gentlemen both busily at work on their new Eclipse Hay Carriers, for which they received letters of patent last March. They are very pleasant and obliging gentlemen, with thorough business tact, and have one of the best hay carriers we ever saw work. They will have a big trade the coming season, for all intelligent farmers can see at a glance that it is just what they want. Oborn Bros. would be a grand adjunct to the manufacturing interests of this city, and we hope an effort will be made to get them to locate in Marion. They possess both good business tact and inventive genious, and are first class citizens.

If you experience a bad taste in the mouth, sallowness or yellow color of skin, feel stupid and drowsy, appetite unsteady, frequent headache or dizziness, you are "bilious," and nothing will arouse your liver to action and strengthen up your system like Dr. Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery." By druggists.

### A New Liquor Law Proposed.

Mr. Johnson, representative from Van Wert county, has introduced into the Ohio House (by request) a novel bill "to prevent the increase of drunkards." It makes it an offense to sell liquor to any but habitual drinkers. The punishment attached is fifty dollars fine for the first offense, one hundred dollars for the second, and one hundred dollars and three months for the third and subsequent offenses.

Any person twenty one years of age desiring to become a habitual drinker can get a certificate to that effect by making affidavit that he wishes to become a drinker and registering his full name, age, residence and occupation before the Probate Court and paying fifty cents. Minors can get a certificate upon affidavit of their parents or guardians, that it is the desire of said parents or guardians that their child or ward shall become a habitual drunkard. Finally all excess of revenue from these fees over $1000 goes to the county infirmary to pay for the care of those paupers who have been made such by the habitual drink of themselves or relatives.

It is a novel scheme, and well worth an evening's study. No doubt, if faithfully executed it would give the drunkard his beloved tipple, and at the same time shield some from danger of alcoholism. There is but one defect in the bill, it does not require that a new certificate be taken out every year. This would increase the revenue of the county and would make a chance for the operation of New Year's Day "swear offs."

### The Cruelty of a "Greaser"

One day myself and several others, among them Tom Payne, one of the most desperate men in all of Texas, heard a calf bleating most pitifully. Soon we came upon a Mexican. He had a calf bound and thrown upon the ground, and was cutting off its hide while it was yet alive. Many greasers do that. They claim it makes the meat more tender. It was more than we could stand, and had quite a time to prevent Payne from shooting the fellow. We gave him ten minutes to get out of sight, and you bet he did it.—Gen Henry Smith in Cincinnati Enquirer.

Ef dar is a place o' torment fur anermals de balky horse is gwine dar.—Arkansaw Traveler.

# CARRISTON'S GIFT

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[TOLD BY PHILIP BRAND, M D, LONDON]

## CHAPTER III

The end of that wretched night came at last When the welcome morning broke I found that a great change had taken place out of doors The fierce snowstorm had been the [illegible] swell of the frost The heavy rain that [illegible] had filled the roads with slushy and rapidly thawing snow I managed to [illegible] some sort of a breakfast from my [illegible] then, having recompensed him according to my promise, not his deserts, [illegible], as soon as I could, on the bare back of my unfortunate steed for Midcombe which place after my night's experiences seemed gifted with merits not its own

I was surprised upon leaving the house to find it was of larger dimensions than from the little I saw of it during the night, I had imagined It was altogether a better class of residence than I had supposed My ugly friend accompanied me until he had placed me on the main road where I could make no possible mistake He was kind enough to promise to assist any one I might send out in getting the dogcart under way Then, with a hearty wish on my part that I might never again meet with his like, we parted

I found my way to Midcombe without much trouble I took off my things, had a wash and, like a sensible man [illegible] bed But I did not forget to [illegible] straight off to the [illegible] telegraph station My message to Brand was [illegible] *simply said* [illegible] *I have found* [illegible] *man* The duty over I dismissed all speculation as to the result from my mind, and settled down to make up arrears of sleep

I was surprised at the reply received that same evening from Brand 'We shall be with you as soon as we can get down tomorrow Meet us at station' From this it was clear that my friend was wanted particularly—all the better! I turned to the time table and found that owing to change and delays they could not get to C—— the nearest station to Midcombe until 4 o'clock in the afternoon I inquired about the crippled dogcart It had been brought in so I *left strict instructions that a shaft of some* sort was to be rigged in time for me to drive over the next day and meet the doctor and his friend

They came as promised It was a comfort to see friends of any description so I gave them a hearty welcome Carriston took hold of both my hands and shook them so warmly that I began to fear I had discovered a long lost father of his in my friend I had almost forgotten the young fellow's appearance, *or he looked a very different man to* day from the one I had seen when last we met Then he was a wan pensive romantic, poetical looking sort of fellow now he seemed full of energy, vitality and grit Poor old Brand looked as serious as an undertaker engaged in burying his own mother

Carriston began to question me but Brand stopped him "You promised I should make inquiries first," he said Then he turned to me

*Look here Richard,*—when he calls me Richard I know he is fearfully in earnest—I believe you have brought us down on a fool's errand but let us go to some place where we can talk together for a few minutes'

I led them across the road to the Railway Inn We entered a room and, having for the sake of appearances ordered a little light refreshment, told the waiter to shut the door from the outside Brand settled down with the air of a cross examining counsel I expected to see him pull out a New Testament and put me on my oath

'Now, Richard' he said 'before we go further I want to know your reasons for thinking this man about whom you telegraphed is Carriston's man, as you call him

Reasons! Why of course he is the man Carriston gave me his photograph The likeness is indisputable leaving the finger joint out of the question

*The likeness is indisputable—leaving the finger joint out of the question*

Here Carriston looked at my cross examiner triumphantly The meaning of that look I have never to this hour understood But I laughed because I knew if Brand had ever once made a mistake and was going to be called to account for it Carriston was about to speak but the doctor waved him [illegible]

'Now Richard think very carefully You speak of the missing finger joint We doctors know how many people persuade them[illegible] Tell me did you not [illegible] the likeness [illegible] saw *the mutilated finger* [illegible] finger's being mutilated bring the likeness to your mind

Bless the man, [illegible] I had never [illegible] I tell you [illegible] but this man being the [illegible] plot

[illegible] mind answer my question

Well then I am ashamed to confess it [illegible] I put the photo in my pocket and [illegible] [illegible] until I [illegible] gazed the [illegible] man and put [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] was a [illegible] printed description [illegible] number [illegible] [illegible] think

Brand did not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] triumphantly [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] argument

It was now Carriston's turn He [illegible] with me [illegible] in fact I [illegible] the whole [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Letter than [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] simply curses to the country

He made lots of other inquiries the purport of which I couldn't then divine He [illegible] greatly impressed when I told him [illegible] one He shot a second glance of triumph [illegible] and who still kept silent and looked [illegible] all the wind had been taken out of his [illegible]

How far is this place [illegible] Carriston Could you drive us there after dark

At this question the doctor turned to [illegible] What do you [illegible] his friend Let him have his nonsense Even now I feel sure that [illegible] *in the end be mistaken*

[illegible] I said

Well whether or not we must do [illegible] things We must go and swear an information and get a search warrant at [illegible] once [illegible] the truth [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the man whom you [illegible]

*Likely enough* [illegible] villain enough for anything, upstairs [illegible]

'Any way' said Brand [illegible] everything according to law'

Law! I want no law answered Carriston I have found her as I knew I should find her I shall simply take her away at once You can come with me or not as you like doctor, but I am afraid I must trouble your friend to drive me now to the place he speaks of

*Foreseeing an adventure and great fun* moreover, not unmindful of [illegible] I placed myself entirely at Carriston's disposal He expressed his gratitude and suggested that we [illegible] start at once In a few minutes we were ready and mounted the dogcart Brand after grumbling loudly at the whole proceeding, finished up by following us and installing himself on the back seat Carriston placed a parcel he carried inside the cart and away we went

It was now nearly dark and raining cats and dogs I had my lamps lighted, so we got along without much difficulty The roads were deep [illegible] but by this time the snow had been pretty nearly washed away from everywhere I [illegible] mistake in [illegible] and in due course reached the scene of my upset Here I drew up

The house lies about fifty hundred yards up the lane I told Carriston we had better go on foot

What about the horse asked Brand

No fear of any one passing this way on such a night as this [illegible] put out the *lamp and tie him up anywhere*

We did so then started [illegible] until we saw the gleam of light which told us we were on [illegible]

It was just about [illegible] a pitch but guided by the light we went on until we stood in front of the house where a turf bank and a dry hedge hid us from sight although on such a night there was little fear of our presence being discovered

What do you mean to do now?' asked Brand in a discontented whisper You can't break into the house

Carriston said nothing for a minute then laid his hand on my shoulder

Are there any horses or any cows about the place?' he asked

I told him I thought not that my surly friend rejoiced in the possession of a horse and a cow

Very well Then we must wait He'll come out to see to them before he goes to bed' said Carriston as cheerfully as a general giving orders just before a battle

I could not see how Brand expressed his feelings upon hearing this order from our commander [illegible] but I shrugged my shoulders and [illegible] said nothing I thought a deal The present situation was all very well for a strongly interested party like Carriston but he could scarcely expect others to relish the prospect of waiting it might be for hours, under that comfortless hedge We were all wet to the skin and although I was extremely anxious to see the end of the expedition and had practical justice meted out to my late host Carriston['s] Fabian tactics lacked the excitement I longed for Brand [illegible] of his disapproval of the whole course of action was [illegible] all he had [illegible] As a doctor he must have [illegible] he could survive the exposure he would get two fresh patients However we made no protest but waited for events to develop themselves

## CHAPTER IV

More than half an hour went by I was growing numb [illegible] and beginning to think that we were on a wild goose chase [illegible] until Carriston [illegible] my arm [illegible] touch Nobody [illegible] sure that his nerves [illegible] subjected to [illegible] [illegible]

*The door opened and closed again* I saw the feeble glimmer of a lantern moving toward the outbuilding in which I knew the horse was stalled [illegible] and stealing out [illegible] until that Carriston [illegible] my side [illegible] waiting

In a few minutes the light of the lantern reappeared The bearer [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] figure sprang [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] throw [illegible]

Hang it all [illegible] anyway! [illegible] jumped over the hedge and rushed to [illegible] one of the [illegible]

Although Carriston [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the man went [illegible] although [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] could have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] settled [illegible]

[illegible] Carriston [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Carriston [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

We could not [illegible] the man's wife while we [illegible] but [illegible] As we [illegible] But Brand [illegible] [illegible] intercepted her [illegible] the door turned and pocketed the key After that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the door [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] temptation [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] coming

[illegible] good will [illegible] [illegible]

In [illegible] Carriston returned I don't [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] beautiful [illegible] my eyes have ever lighted upon [illegible] was pale [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] her face one trace of anxiety and [illegible] [illegible], but for all that she was beautiful [illegible] beautiful [illegible], I thought [illegible] *looked at her She was clinging in a half* frightened, half-confiding way to Carriston and he—happy fellow!—regardless of our presence, was [illegible] on her [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Carriston [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

*Carriston came to us with the lovely girl on his arm*

[illegible] go now he said, as calmly as if he had been taking a quiet evening drive Then he turned to me

Do you think Mr Fenton you could without much trouble get the dogcart up to the house

[illegible] I will try to do so

'But what about these people? asked Brand

Carriston gave them a contemptuous [illegible] [illegible] them alone [illegible] [illegible] but the tools of another—him I [illegible]

[illegible] But who now verify your suspicions

[illegible] Brand! He's always wanting to verify everything

[illegible] we had found [illegible] Brand examined them and [illegible] Carriston an envelope which contained what looked like [illegible]

Carriston [illegible] the handwriting [illegible] said, care [illegible] show whence it [illegible] always tell you You [illegible]

[illegible] said Brand, humbly [illegible] about this man

[illegible] Carriston turned to our prisoner [illegible] villain, he said I will let you go [illegible] you breathe no word of [illegible] your employer for the next fortnight If I learn from [illegible] what has happened before that time, I swear you shall go to penal servitude Which do you choose?

I pulled out the gag, and it is needless to say which the fellow chose

Then I went off, and recovered the horse and cart I relighted the lamp, and with [illegible] difficulty got the dogcart up to the house Carriston must have exactly anticipated [illegible] the parcel he brought with him contained a bonnet and a [illegible] cloak His beauti[ful] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] then leaving the woman of the house to untie her husband [illegible] away [illegible] me, Carriston [illegible] behind

We [illegible] the last train [illegible] Next morning [illegible] as to what [illegible] morrow [illegible] up to town with my [illegible] Midcombe [illegible] give instructions [illegible] *forward to* [illegible] the next morning we were all [illegible]

### BRAND IN CONCLUSION

When [illegible] Dick Fenton [illegible] late his [illegible] to do so [illegible] fell in love with [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Carriston [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] will be [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] first thought [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] certain of this [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] entered that [illegible] [illegible] her Mad [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the deepest [illegible] threats, entreaties, promises of bribes availed nothing She was unkindly treated—that is, suffered no absolute ill usage Books, materials for [illegible] work and other little aids to while away time were supplied But the only living creatures she saw were the woman of the house, who attended to her wants, and one or two occasions, the man whom Carriston *asserted he had seen in his trance* She had suffered from the close confinement but had always felt certain that sooner or later her lover would find her, and effect her deliverance Now that she knew he was alive she could not be unhappy

I did not choose to ask her why she had felt so certain on the above points I wished to add no more puzzles to the one which, to tell the truth, exercised, even annoyed, me more than I care to say But I did ask her if, during her incarceration, her jailer had ever laid his hand upon her

She told me that some short time after her arrival a stranger had gained admittance to the house While he was there the man had entered her room, held her arm, and threatened her with violence if she made any outcry After hearing this I did not pursue the subject

Carriston and Madeline were married at the earliest possible moment, and left England immediately after the ceremony A week after their departure, by Carriston's request, I forwarded the envelope found upon our prisoner to Mr Ralph Carriston With it I sent a few lines stating where and under what peculiar circumstances we had become possessed of it I never received any reply to my communication, so, wild and improbable as it seems, I am bound to believe that Charles Carriston's surmise was right—that Madeline was decoyed away and concealed not from any ill will towards herself, but with a view to the possible baneful effect which her mysterious disappearance might work upon her lover's strange and excitable organization, and I firmly believe that had he not in some inexplicable way been firmly convinced that she was alive and faithful to him the plot would have been a thorough success, and Charles Carriston would have spent the rest of his days in an asylum

Both Sir Charles—he succeeded to his title shortly after his marriage—and Lady Carriston are now dead or I should not have ventured to relate these things concerning them They had twelve years of happiness It measured by time the period was but a short one but I feel sure that in it they enjoyed more true happiness than many of us find in the course of a protracted life In [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] they were [illegible] one *She died in Rome* [illegible] [illegible] has band without so far as I know any particular complaint simply followed her

I was always honored with their sincerest friendship, and Sir Charles left me sole trustee and guardian to his three sons So there are now plenty of lives between Ralph Carriston and his desire I am pleased to say that the boys, who are as dear to me as my own children as yet show no evidence of possessing any gifts beyond Nature

*I know that in having made this story* public will cause two sets of objectors to fall equally foul of me—the matter-of-fact prosaic who will say that the abduction and subsequent imprisonment of Madeline Rowan was an absurd impossibility, and the scientific man, like myself who cannot dare not believe that Charles Carriston, from neither memory nor imagination could draw a face and describe the peculiarities by which a certain man could be identified I am far from saying there may not be a simple natural explanation of the puzzle, but I, for one, have failed to find it so close this tale as I began it by saying I am a narrator and nothing more

THE END

### The First Jewish Peer.

[New York Tribune]

The elevation of Sir Nathaniel de Rothschild to the British peerage is in many respects significant Mr Gladstone has the credit of creating the first Jewish peer for though Lord Beaconsfield was a Jew by race, he was not a professor of the Hebrew faith, and, in fact has done what was possible to efface his connection with his own people But the Rothschilds represent Hebraism all over the world and their family has for many years been doing the actual fighting against the venerable prejudice which for so many centuries refused to the Jews throughout Europe either social or political positions Even in this age of toleration it has taken more than a generation to conquer time-rooted antipathies but it is instructive to observe that in England the House of Lords has always been behind the commons in this as in so many other points Thus when in 1847 Baron Lionel de Rothschild was returned to the house from London and being refused his seat the Jews oaths of abjuration bill was introduced to remove his disabilities the bill passed the house but was rejected by the lords and in [illegible] and 1859 the same measures repeatedly passed the house only to be as steadily thrown out by the upper chamber

But it was not until 1871 after the abolition of tests, that a Jew was made master of arts at Oxford and even when Disraeli was premier of England and in the zenith of his reputation there is reason to believe that he declined a peerage in favor of his wife not because he did no desire the honor but because he feared the political effect of his elevation At a later period he accepted the distinction though there was much grumbling among the Conservative peers but he was not regarded as a thorough Jew

The elevation of Sir Nathaniel de Rothschild then forms a decided advance It must be owned that the old prejudices have nearly disappeared For though the [illegible] distinction of the Rothschilds is their [illegible] [illegible] position and though this has often enabled them to control the course of powerful governments and to command at least the outward show of homage and *respect* from the haughtiest aristocracy their Judaism has always been strongly marked and they have never made any concessions in that particular

### Traveling in Persia.

The ordinary mode of traveling in this country by persons of anything like comfortable circumstances is to go on horseback with a guard of zaptiehs and extra horses and attendants carrying bedding tent cases of provisions etc for many villagers are the most poverty stricken people imaginable and the accommodations obtainable from them is something to shrink from so that it is not easy for an inexperienced person to imagine what a fellow carrying none of these things but trusting entirely to whatever may turn up from one hour to another has to endure

### Too Clever by Half.

[illegible]

Merchant to clerk—Here I have just written the following letter 'Dear Sir Yours of the [illegible] amount to which I am indebted to you [illegible] to state that I intend to pay you in full very shortly [illegible] my principal creditor and the [illegible] not worth [illegible] I want you to [illegible] thirty copies of this letter and send them to the thirty seven on this list Merchant next day—Well did you do it? [illegible] that letter Clerk—Yes but I saved trouble I had the letters lithographed before sending them off

# MAKING SWEET SONGS.

## THE WORK DONE BY A WRITER, A SINGER AND A TOILER.

**"Aunt Becky's" Little Back Parlor in Pittsburg from Which Came Forth Many Beautiful Melodies—A Story of Three Friends.**

Who has not been awakened from sleep in the early morning hours by some party of home going revelers singing, "Way down upon the Suwanee river" The melodious music invades the half roused senses like a dream, and the dreamer does not resist it He closes his eyes again to listen—motionless He has heard the old song many times before, he can anticipate every word and note, there is no novelty in it for him, but he is not provoked at being awakened He listens dreamily and let the music bring to him thoughts of home not the home of his manhood, made happy by wife and children, but the *dream home of his childhood, where* mother was

The old song never grows old Every body sings it and everybody loves to hear it sung No matter at what time or place its music rises, there will be found a respectful audience Not even the street gamin will cry "chestnuts" He instinctively respects the song of home without knowing why

JOURNALIST, MUSICIAN AND MECHANIC

There stood in the city of Pittsburg, forty years ago, a cottage at 31 Pearl street It was a cosy home, with vine-covered windows and a broad hearthstone It was the home of Charles P Shiras and *his mother, familiarly known to her* friends as "Aunt Becky" Shiras Charles Shiras had two particular friends of his own age, Stephen C Foster and John Hull These men had been companions from their boyhood, and death alone broke off their friendship

Shiras was a literary genius He was well educated, brilliant, and possessed of a fertile, active mind He was ambitious and animated by the noblest purposes For some years, and at the time of his death he was connected with The Pittsburg Commercial Journal All his literary work was full of merit, and many of his productions gained wide attention He published two small volumes of poems, the best known of which are "Dollars and Dimes," "Redemption of Labor," and "The Iron City" These he considered his best work, but he strangely refused to publicly acknowledge the authorship of the beautiful songs which would have given his name, with that of Foster, a world-wide fame He erred in his judgment of the effect they would produce, and, in his ambition for higher flights, considered them childish and foolish

Foster was a musician and composer His soul was full of the poetry of sound He had a fine, effeminate face, and his nature was as soft and yielding as a maiden's He was a dreamer, often sad and melancholy, and every bar of his beautiful, simple music is marked with the characteristics of his nature He found close sympathy in the fine, poetic mind of Shiras and both found sympathy and encouragement in the more rugged and aggressive nature of their mutual friend, Hull

Hull was a mechanic, working for his daily bread from earliest boyhood Un*like his friends, he had no education, but* the circumstances of his life gave him strong, good sense and clear judgment He was a lover of the beautiful, and he found much to admire in his friends Shiras and Foster He had a musical voice, and Foster, who could not sing, taught him music He had a retentive memory, and from Shiras he learned much of literature He became the critic of the productions of both his friends, and his judgment of a poem or a song was to them all sufficient

A TRIO OF KINDRED SPIRITS

And so a beautiful friendship existed between these three in boyhood, in youth, *and until their early manhood, when* Shiras died They were together during all their leisure time and many happy hours they squandered in Aunt Becky's little back parlor It was here that Shiras in his resting moments wrote those beautiful songs to please his friend Foster, it was here that Foster composed music for them to please himself and his friend Hull, and it was here that Hull sang them for the pleasure of all

The first song they published was "Old Uncle Ned" Foster sold it to a Pittsburg house for $100 With this money he purchased a small piano and placed it in "Aunt Becky" Shiras' little parlor And *on this little piano was afterward played* music which has gone around the world "Old Uncle Ned" made its appearance about the year 1850 and immediately became popular Within three years later Shiras and Foster together produced "Old Folks at Home" "Susannah Don't You Cry" "Gentle Annie" "Hard Times Come Again No More," "My Old Kentucky Home" "Massa's in de Cold, Cold, Ground" "Old Dog Tray" "Willie We Have Missed You" "Come Where My Love Lies Dreaming" and others fully as popular

It is certain that Shiras wrote the lines of nearly all these songs except "Come *Where My Love Lies Dreaming*" Foster was willing and anxious to share their authorship with his friend Shiras but the latter laughingly told Foster that he was welcome to all the reputation he would get from their publication

Poor Shiras died when he was 29 years old before he dreamed that the songs which he had written in an idle fancy as a mere pastime, would live in every home in the Christian world Mrs Jane Swisshelm wrote his obituary He left a young wife and a girl baby This baby is now a buxom wife and mother of babies

Foster lived some years after the death of his friend He went to New York city where he died in 1864 from the effects of a fall in the Bowery He was widely known and very popular His funeral was attended largely by the literary, theatrical, and musical classes

Aunt Becky Shiras, who so often scolded the boys for staying up late at night and making so much noise in her back parlor has passed away And so has John Hull who first startled good Aunt Becky with the rattling rhythm of "Old Uncle Ned" and soothed her with the melody of "Massa's in de Cold Cold Ground"

All are dead But their music will live as long as there are homes—Paul Hull in Chicago News

### The Old Folks Dislike Them

There is a growing grudge against electric lights at balls because they deepen almost to a grayish tint the pallor of those whose bloom is past

Singing of life gives life to the songs, and the life of man has its springs deeper than political change or even social revolution can reach—Music and Drama

## THE POET'S FORGE.

**He lies on his back, the idling smith,**
**A lazy, dreaming fellow is he,**
**The sky is blue, or the sky is gray,**
**He lies on his back the livelong day,**
**Not a tool in sight, say what they may**
**A curious sort of smith is he.**

**The powers of the air are in league with**
**The country around believes it well**
**The wondering folk draw spying near,**
**Never sight or sound do they see or hea**
**No wonder they feel a little fear**
When is it his work is done so well?

**Never sight nor sound to see or hear**
**The powers of the air are in league**
**him,**
***High over his head his metals swing,***
**Fine gold and silver to shame the king**
**We might distinguish their glittering,**
If once we could get in league with h

High over his head his metals swing,
*He hammers them idly year by year,*
Hammers and chuckles a low refrain
"A bench and book are a ball and chai
The adz is better tool than the plane
What' the odds between now and
year''

Hammers and chuckles his low refrain
A lazy, dreaming fellow is he,
When sudden, some day, his bells peal
And men, at the sound, for gladness sh
He laughs and asks what it's all about
Oh, a curious sort of smith is he
—[Helen Hunt Ja

## MARRIAGE BY DEGREES

**The Peculiar Customs Observed Polish Wedding in Pittsburg**

A polish wedding and honeymoon h been celebrated on Josephine stre ceremony, owing to its protracted and the wedding customs peculiar Polish people, attracted considerable tion in that section of the city The is a pleasant little woman and speaks lish fluently, but the groom has not b the country long enough to have ful mand of the language

They were married at the Polish by their priest, Father Myskavi in the ence of a number of friends Afte *formal ceremony the party repaired* bride's home, where a reception was which lasted for three days The we took place in the morning and a fine fast was served to the company at 8 o after which the dancing and merry m began, and was not allowed to stop o flag until midnight The company the persed to meet again at noon of th day, and the same programme was ex from day to day until the marriage was ended

The bride and groom separated each of the festivities, bidding everyone night, and only after the marriage fe ended is the happy couple considered ried

One of the unique features of the m feast is the manner in which the bri ceives the presents Every gentleman ent is expected to dance with her at once, and as much oftener as he ch and each time he asks her to assist the dance he must give her either a some, present or a sum of money So tender bride is good looking, amiable good dancer she can not fail to realize benefit from the feast The bride re over $150 in money, and her presents both substantial and pretty

The dancing is of a wild, furious n in which any one but a thorough would be foolhardy to engage, for whe orchestra gets properly wound up an dancers begin to gyrate in time to th citing music they remind an on-looker frail leaves which are caught up and tossed by an amateur cyclone.

One of the Polish gentlemen who p pated in the recent festivity was as three days was not a pretty long time t tinue a wedding

"Oh, no," he said "If you want to genuine wedding go to Poland, where last never less than a week or ten days workingmen don't get time to have a wedding here—Pittsburg Times

### Book-Buyers in the National Capi

An old Washington book seller "Gen Lewis Cass was a famous book I used to have his standing order for work that was published on political omy Mr Seward also bought a many books His purchases were mo the higher order of literature Chief J Chase was very fond of the Latin His family were great book buyers.

Mrs Kate Chase Sprague was a *reader of the highest class of French* ture She also read a great many women don't usually care for But h ter, who is now Mrs. Hoyt, was the of the Chase family Being rather sighted, she lacked acute powers of ob tion and seemed to live only with books. All of the Chase family loved ing and were very intelligent. You hardly think it, but Edwin M Stanto a great reader, even during war times, he was overburdened with the cares office, he would read all the better cl novels that were published Judge Black, although he never had much to buy books, read a great deal As most of the famous men of the count not purchase much for their library the average member of the national l ture has no taste for study or the bette of publications'—Washington Lette

### An Old Darky's Reasoning

Uncle Isom was whitewashing an o lapidated house on Whitehall street day The interior had a ghostly ap ance and a gentleman said to the old

'Isom, ain t you afraid of ghosts

No, sir, dat I ain t young maste the reply, as the old man's face loom with a smile

"You are not?"

*No sah Dar ar no ghosts.'*

How do you know?"

Ca'se, sah, when a person dies dey g heaben or purgatory one or de udder

Yes."

And ef dey goes ter purgatory dey get away, an' ef dey goes to heben [illegible] want ter get away an' cum back [illegible] round dis world I'se too ole fer [illegible] kind er mesmerism' bizness bodder me lanta Constitution

### Bees Which Perforate Flowers

A gentleman from Southern [illegible] that while collecting specimens of [illegible] suculiaria he noticed that the spurs of the flowers had been *perforate* He found, after careful watching had been done by the bumble bee purpose of getting at the honey [illegible] found, too that the original hole w second time, without a removal of th ture The bees, he said, appeared to the exact amount of honey each flower tained

### How Milk Is Electrically Churned

As an experiment, an electric current recently made to pass through gallons of fresh milk and in four minutes says the report the amount of butter rose to the surface Its was perfect.